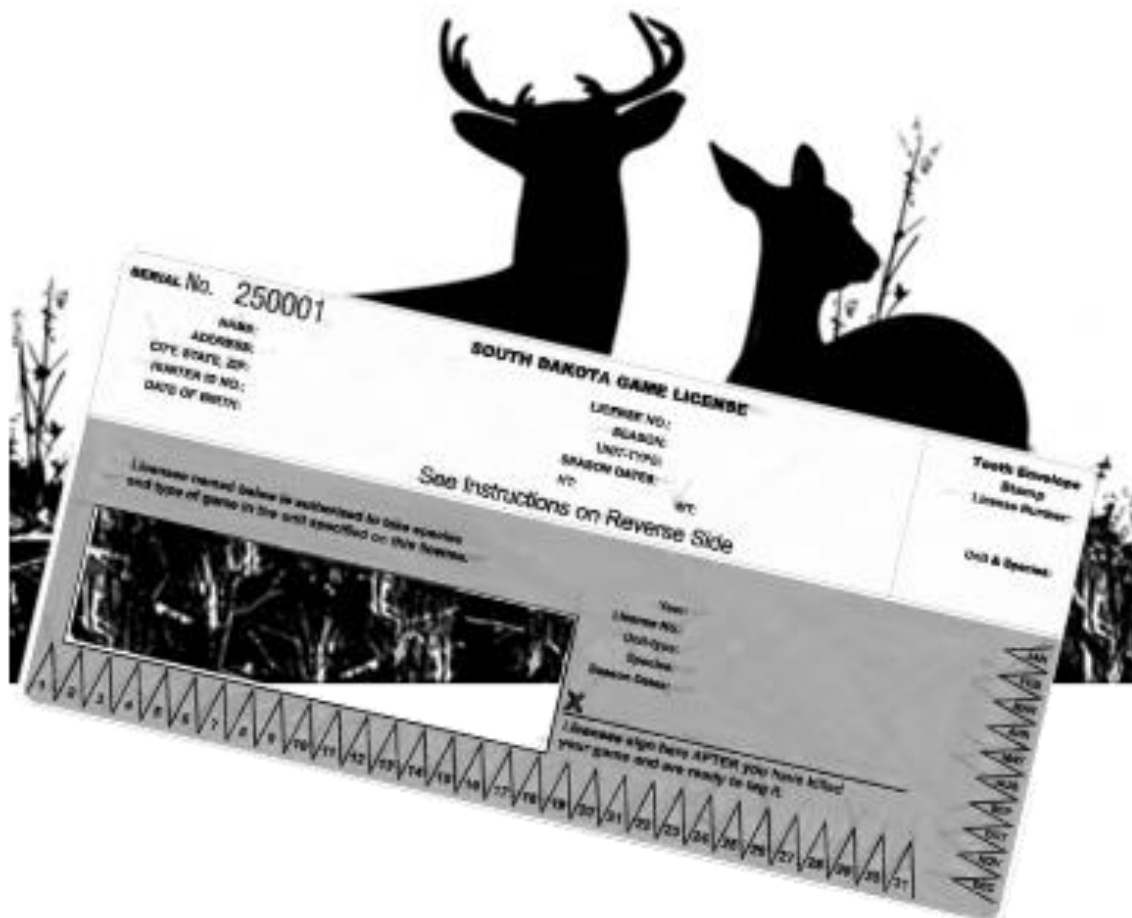


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- 49% of deer license applicants indicated the East River Deer Season (including East River Special Buck) was their most preferred deer hunt. The West River Deer Season (including West River Special Buck) was the most preferred deer hunt for 24% of applicants, followed by archery deer with 13% and Black Hills deer with 11%.
- 57% of deer license applicants expect to be successful at drawing their preferred deer license in South Dakota every year, and another 35% expect to be successful at least once every 2 years. Landowners are more likely than non-landowners to expect to be successful every year.
- 51% of deer license applicants think the current allocation process for buck deer licenses is fair or very fair, and 27% think it is unfair or very unfair.
- 41% of deer license applicants oppose or strongly oppose and 35% of applicants support or strongly support having a license quota for the number of archery buck licenses available. Archery deer hunters are more likely to oppose a quota than non-archery deer hunters.
- 54% of deer license applicants think the current preference point system should be modified so greater weight is placed on applicants who have more preference points, increasing their chances of drawing a license and decreasing the chances of applicants with fewer preference points.
- 41% of deer license applicants support or strongly support keeping the current process for how deer license are allocated, while 27% oppose or strongly oppose keeping it.
- 71% of deer license applicants support or strongly support a process that would increase resident hunters' chances of getting at least one buck license per year; however, only 39% of applicants support or strongly support a system where drawings for East River, West River, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge, and Custer State Park deer seasons would be at the same time and hunters could only choose one season in the first drawing. 37% of applicants support or strongly support a similar system but hunters would be able to choose two seasons in the first drawing.
- 47% of deer license applicants oppose or strongly oppose a system where archery deer hunters would continue to be guaranteed to draw a license every year but they would give up first draw eligibility in firearm seasons. Archery deer hunters are more likely to oppose this than non-archery deer hunters.
- The proportion of available resident deer licenses allotted to landowner preference is rated as being too many by 47% of deer license applicants and as being just about right

by 43% of applicants. Non-landowners were more likely than landowners to rate the proportion as too many; whereas, landowners were more likely to rate the proportion as just about right.

- 60% of deer license applicants rated the minimum acreage requirement to qualify for landowner preference deer licenses as being just about right. Landowners were more likely than non-landowners to rate this requirement as just about right, whereas, non-landowners were more likely to feel it was far too few.

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Introduction

Antlerless harvest, severe winter weather, habitat loss, and disease have had a significant impact to the state's deer population. As a result, the demand for deer licenses exceeds the supply. Under the current allocation process it is possible for some hunters to draw multiple licenses, while others do not receive any. In response to this and several requests from individuals and organizations, Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) explored alternative ways for allocating deer licenses aimed at providing more hunters with the opportunity to draw their preferred license. As part of this process, GFP conducted a survey of a random sample of 2013 resident deer license applicants. The purpose of this survey was to gauge deer hunters' opinions on the current deer license allocation process and potential alternatives.

This report summarizes results from the 2014 Deer License Opinion Survey. Survey responses were collected in the fall of 2014 and covered deer season preferences and expectations, opinions regarding the current deer license allocation process, opinions on potential alternatives to the current allocation process, and opinions about the current allocation of Landowner Preference Deer licenses.

Methods

In 2013 there were 68,675 unique resident applicants for the following deer hunting licenses: East River Deer (including East River Special Buck), West River Deer (including West River Special Buck), Black Hills Deer, Archery Deer, Muzzleloader Deer, Refuge Deer, Custer

State Park (CSP) Deer, Landowner Preference, Landowner Own Land, and Landowner Free Antlerless. Email addresses were available for 87 percent of these applicants. Less than a quarter of this population (22%) were applicants for the three landowner specific license types (Landowner Preference, Landowner Own Land, and Landowner Free Antlerless). The majority (78%) were applicants for the seven non-landowner specific license types (East River Deer/Special Buck, West River Deer/Special Buck, Black Hills Deer, Archery Deer, Muzzleloader Deer, Refuge Deer, and CSP Deer).

Drawing from this population, the survey was administered to a stratified random sample (non-landowner specific and landowner specific) of 6,000 deer hunting license applicants from 2013. A disproportionate stratified random sampling strategy was used, as this type of sampling is most appropriate when one or more subgroups are very small in comparison to other groups. In cases where subgroups are significantly different in size, a proportionate sample may not include enough individuals of the smaller subgroup to collect representative data. Therefore, the sample was comprised of 3,000 non-landowner specific and 3,000 landowner specific deer license applicants.

A mixed-mode survey (online and mail) was administered in the fall of 2014 following the Dillman Tailored Design Method (Dillman 2007; Dillman et al. 2014). All online and mail survey recipients were assigned unique identifiers and up to four contacts were sent via email or mail. Email invitations contained a survey link unique to that email address, and the online survey was designed to not allow repeated access once the survey was completed (Vaske 2008; Dillman et al. 2014). Mail survey recipients received an initial full survey mailing (printed questionnaire, cover letter, and prepaid reply envelope), a reminder postcard, a second full survey mailing, and finally a third full survey mailing (appendix A). The online survey was designed and administered using Qualtrics Survey Research Suite. All survey data (both online and mail) were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics 20 software package.

Adjusting for undeliverable email and postal addresses, the sample size was 5,887. A total of 4,163 responses were received (2,063 landowner specific and 2,100 non-landowner specific), giving an overall response rate of 71 percent. To correct for the disproportionate sampling strategy, to combine results from landowner specific and non-landowner specific subgroups, and to generalize to the 2013 deer hunting license applicant population, the following weights were applied:

Landowner Specific Weight	0.44
Non-Landowner Specific Weight	1.55
Calculations for Weighting Data:	
Weight = Population % ÷ Sample %	
Example:	
2,063 responses collected from landowner specific applicants, which represents:	
$2,063 \div 5,887 = 49.6\%$	
Landowner Specific Weight = $0.22 \div 0.496 = 0.44$	

Results

Preferred Deer Seasons

Survey respondents were asked to indicate the deer seasons they apply for in a typical year, which deer season they most preferred, and how often they expect to be successful at drawing their preferred deer license in South Dakota. In a typical year, approximately two-thirds (66%) of deer hunters apply for the East River Deer Season (including East River Special Buck), and 41 percent of deer hunters typically apply for the West River Deer Season (including West River Special Buck). Nearly one-third (32%) of deer hunters apply for the Archery Deer Season, and 23 percent typically apply for the Black Hills Deer Season (figure 1). Nearly half (49%) of deer license applicants indicated the East River Deer Season (including East River Special Buck) was their most preferred deer hunt. The West River Deer Season (including West River Special Buck) was the most preferred deer hunt for 24 percent of applicants, followed by archery deer with 13 percent and Black Hills deer with 11 percent (figure 2).

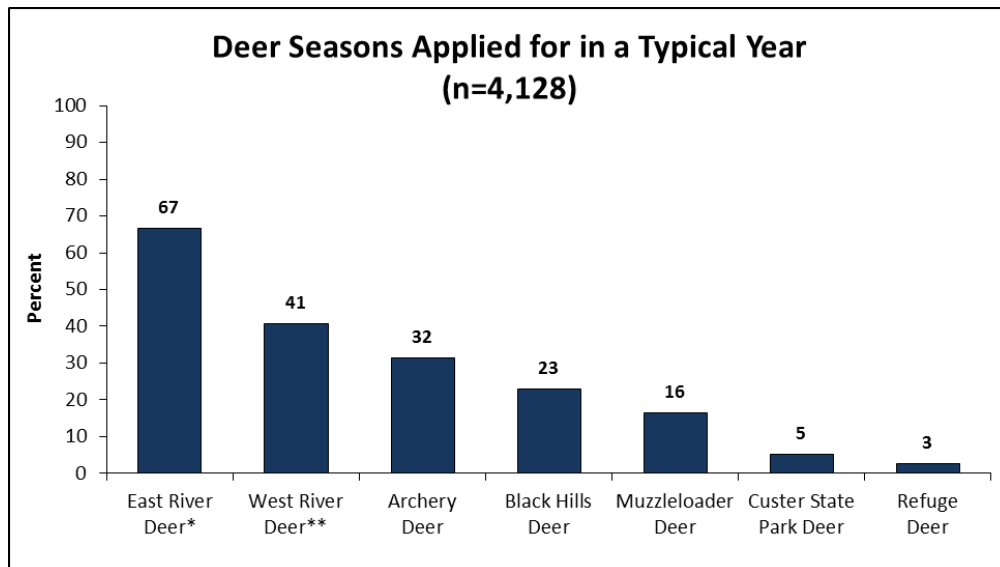


Figure 1: South Dakota deer seasons hunters apply for in a typical year

Note: Respondents could select multiple seasons; therefore, percentages may sum to greater than 100%. *Includes East River Special Buck; **Includes West River Special Buck

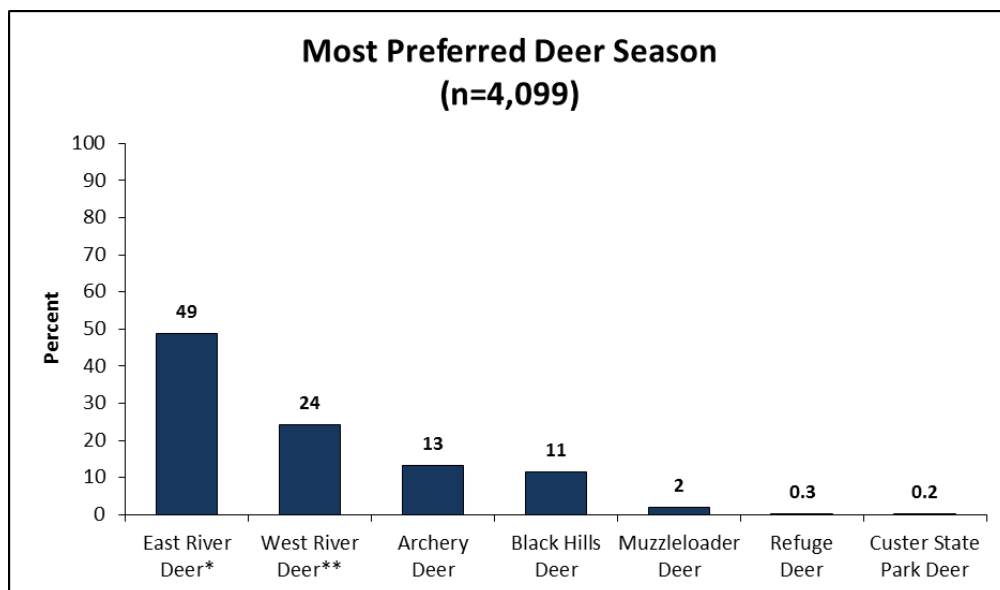


Figure 2: Hunters' most preferred South Dakota deer season

*Includes East River Special Buck

**Includes West River Special Buck

The majority of deer hunters (57%) expected to be successful at drawing their preferred deer license every year. An additional 35 percent expected to be successful at least once every two years (figure 3). There were significant differences in expectation between landowners and

non-landowners, $\chi^2 (4, N = 3,957) = 226.94, p = <0.001$, Cramer's $V = 0.239$ (figure 4).

Landowners were defined as qualifying for a Landowner Preference deer license.¹ Landowners were more likely than non-landowners to expect to be successful at drawing their preferred deer license every year. Nearly three-quarters of landowners (74%) expected to be successful every year compared to half of non-landowners (50%). Forty-one percent of non-landowners expected to be successful at least once every two years compared with 19 percent of landowners.

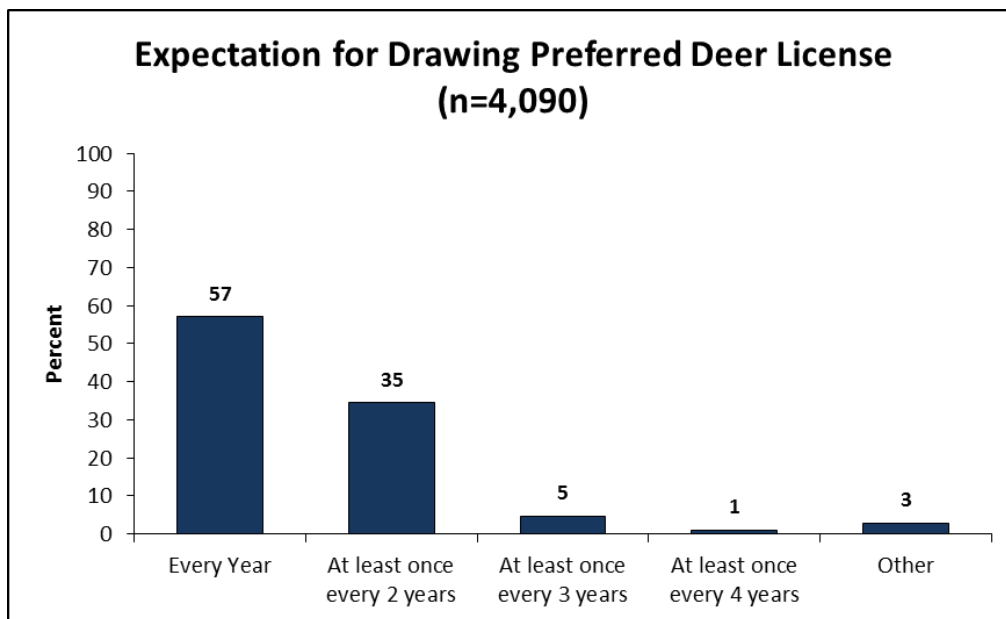


Figure 3: Hunters' expectations for drawing preferred deer license

¹ To qualify for Landowner Preference deer licenses, landowners must be South Dakota residents and own and/or operate at least 160 acres of farm or ranchland for agricultural purposes.

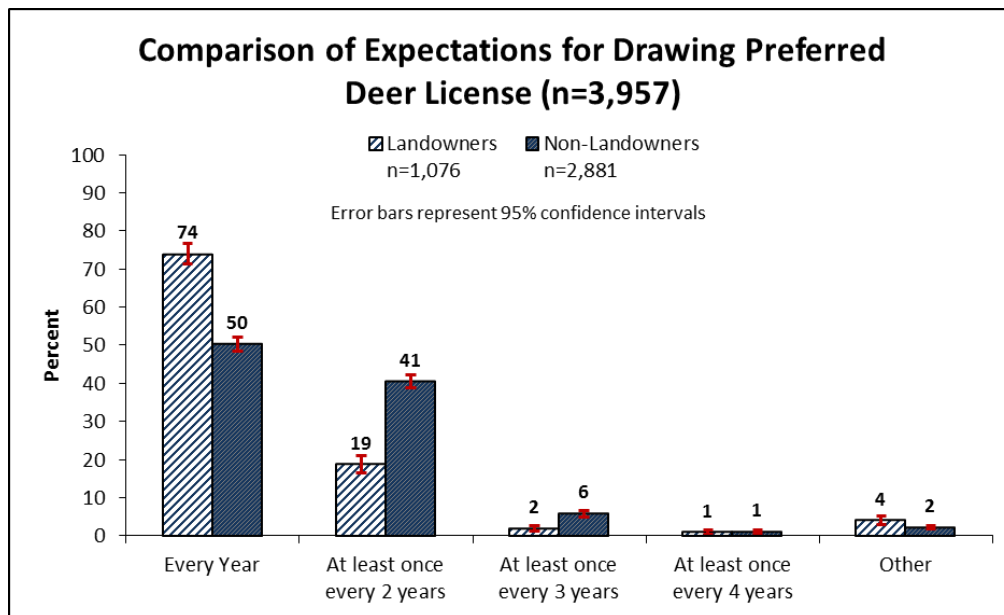


Figure 4: Comparison of expectations for drawing preferred deer license by land ownership

Current Deer License Allocation Process

Currently, there are seven deer seasons which allow for buck harvest: six firearm seasons and one archery season. Hunters can apply for each of the firearm seasons in weighted-lottery drawings that are separate and independent of each other. Archery “any deer” licenses are over-the-counter, and all hunters who apply receive one. Under this current process, some hunters may receive multiple buck licenses while other hunters may not get any buck licenses in a given year. In 2013, 62 percent of licensed deer hunters held a single buck deer license; One-fifth of licensed deer hunters (20%) held two or more buck deer licenses and 17 percent held zero buck deer licenses.

Hunters were asked to indicate on a 5-point Likert-type scale² how fair or unfair they thought the current allocation process is for buck deer licenses. A slight majority (51%) of hunters thought the current allocation process was either fair or very fair. Twenty-seven percent thought it was either unfair or very unfair and 23 percent thought it was neither unfair nor fair

² Measurement scale: 1 Very Unfair; 2 Unfair; 3 Neither Unfair nor Fair; 4 Fair; and 5 Very Fair

(figure 5). When asked their level of support or opposition³, 41 percent of hunters supported or strongly supported keeping the current process for how deer licenses are allocated and 27 percent opposed or strongly opposed this. One-third of hunters neither supported nor opposed it (figure 6). However, the majority of hunters (71%) supported or strongly supported an allocation process which would increase hunters' odds of drawing at least one buck deer license per year, knowing it would limit some hunters' chances of getting multiple buck licenses in a year (figure 7).

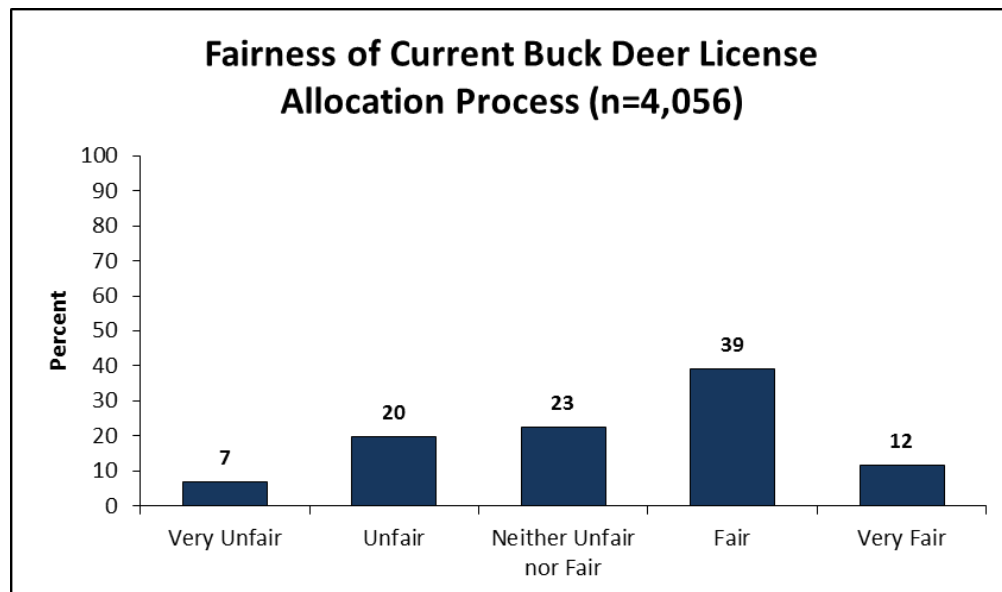


Figure 5: Hunters' perceptions regarding fairness of current deer license allocation process

³ Measurement scale: 1 Strongly Oppose; 2 Oppose; 3 Neither Oppose nor Support; 4 Support; and 5 Strongly Support

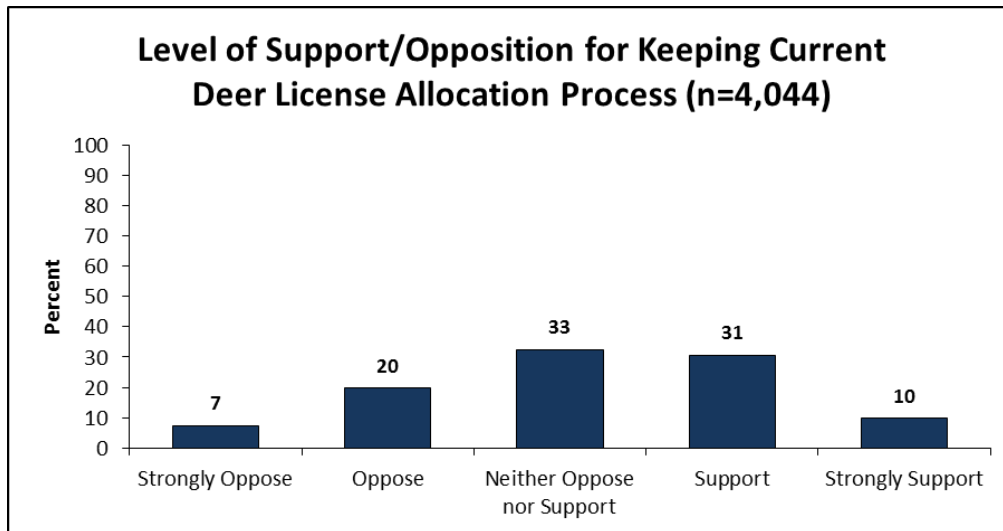


Figure 6: Hunters' level of support for keeping current deer license allocation process

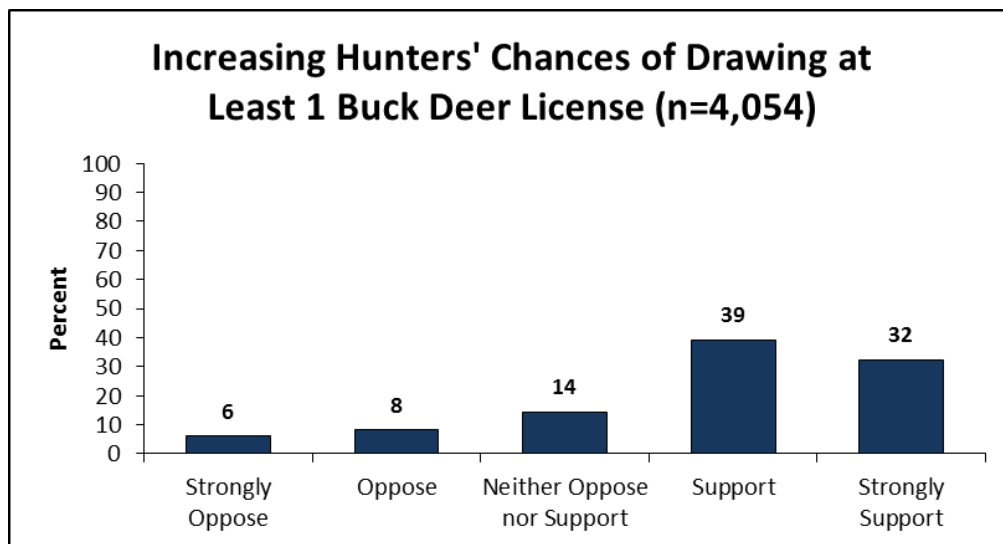


Figure 7: Hunters' level of support for increased chances of drawing at least 1 buck deer license

Alternative Deer License Allocation Processes

Hunters were asked how strongly they supported or opposed a handful of alternatives to how deer licenses are currently allocated in South Dakota.⁴ When considering these alternatives, hunters were asked to keep in mind several points: 1) the leftover license process

⁴ Measurement scale: 1 Strongly Oppose; 2 Oppose; 3 Neither Oppose nor Support; 4 Support; and 5 Strongly Support

would not change, and hunters could receive deer licenses on 2nd and 3rd drawings; 2) a preference point system would remain in place, and hunters would not lose their current points; 3) if they drew their preferred season in the first drawing, hunters would not be eligible to apply for seasons until the 3rd drawing; and 4) no changes were being considered for youth seasons.

Two alternatives involved a process where the drawings for East River/Special Buck, West River/Special Buck, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge, and CSP deer seasons would be at the same time. In the first alternative hunters would only be able to choose one season in the first drawing. Based on the 2013 deer license application information, about 15,000 hunters would be forced to make a choice under this alternative. Thirty-nine percent of hunters supported or strongly supported this alternative where hunters could choose only one season in the first draw. Thirty-six percent of hunters opposed or strongly opposed it, and one-quarter (25%) neither opposed nor supported it (figure 8). The second alternative involving simultaneous drawings for the six firearm seasons would allow hunters to choose two seasons in the first drawing. Based on the 2013 license information, approximately 4,100 hunters would be forced to make a choice under this alternative. Thirty-seven percent of hunters supported or strongly supported this alternative where hunters could choose two seasons in the first drawing. Thirty-four percent opposed or strongly opposed it, and 30 percent neither opposed nor supported it (figure 9).

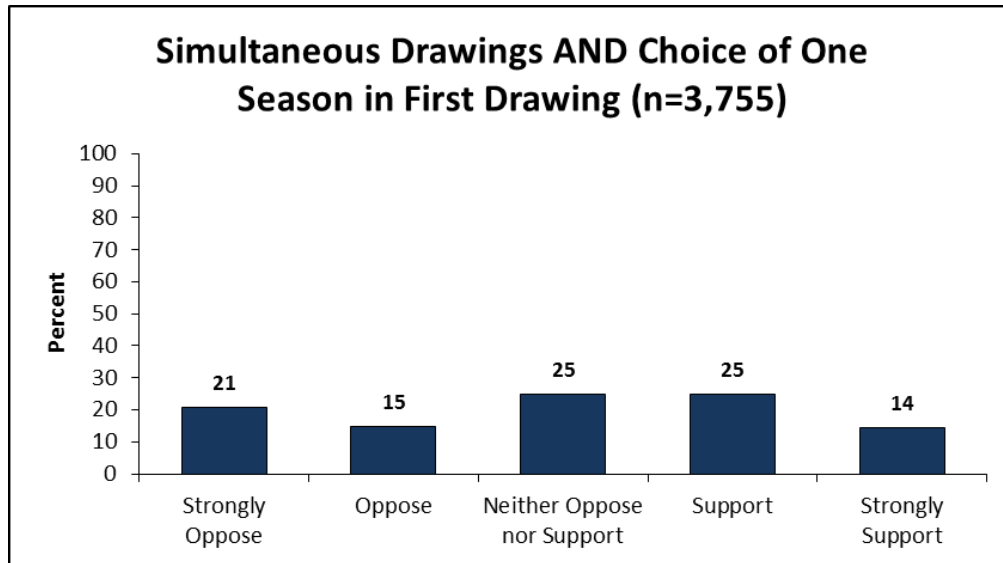


Figure 8: Hunters' level of support for simultaneous drawings and 1 season choice

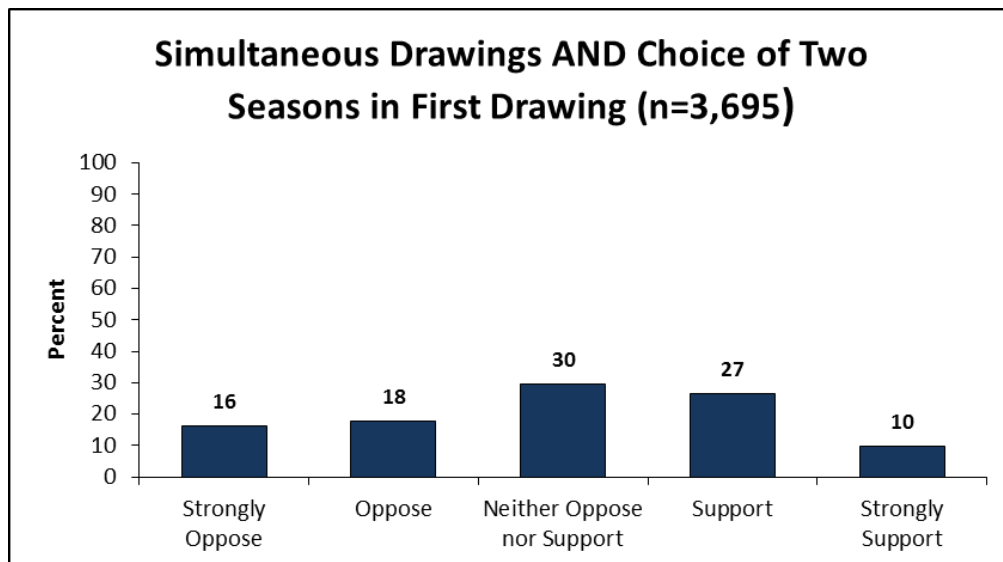


Figure 9: Hunters' level of support for simultaneous drawings and 2 season choice

Archery Buck Deer Licenses

Hunters were asked to indicate their level of support for two alternatives for allocating archery buck deer licenses. Currently any hunter who applies for an archery “any-deer” license receives it. In addition to the analysis for all deer hunters, responses from archery hunters and

non-archery hunters were also compared. Based on the 2013 license information, the majority of deer hunters who applied for a first choice archery buck deer license (80%) also applied for a firearm buck deer license. Therefore archery deer hunters were defined as those deer hunters who indicated they apply for an Archery Deer License in a typical year.

Forty-one percent of hunters opposed or strongly opposed having a license quota for the number of archery buck licenses available. Nearly one-quarter (24%) neither opposed nor supported this, and 35 percent supported or strongly supported the license quota (figure 10). There were significant differences between archery and non-archery deer hunters, $\chi^2 (4, N = 4,040) = 1,358.83, p = <0.001$, Cramer's $V = 0.580$ (figure 11). Archery deer hunters were more likely than non-archery deer hunters to be opposed to the license quota, while non-archery hunters were more likely than archery hunters to be supportive of the quota or neutral to it. The vast majority of archery deer hunters either strongly opposed (59%) or opposed (22%) this quota. Forty-six percent of non-archery deer hunters supported or strongly supported the quota, and another 31 percent indicated they neither opposed nor supported it.

Forty-seven percent of deer hunters opposed or strongly opposed having a system where archery deer hunters would continue to be guaranteed to draw a license every year, but they would give up first draw eligibility in firearm seasons. Fourteen percent of hunters were neutral and 39 percent either supported or strongly supported this alternative (figure 12). There were significant differences between archery and non-archery deer hunters, $\chi^2 (4, N = 3,989) = 999.51, p = <0.001$, Cramer's $V = 0.501$ (figure 13). Archery deer hunters were more likely to be strongly opposed, while non-archery deer hunters were more likely to be supportive of or neutral to limiting archers' first draw eligibility in firearm seasons. The majority of archery deer hunters (62%) strongly opposed limiting archers' eligibility in the first draw for firearm seasons. Just under half (49%) of non-archery deer hunters either supported or strongly supported this alternative while 17 percent of non-archery deer hunters were neutral.

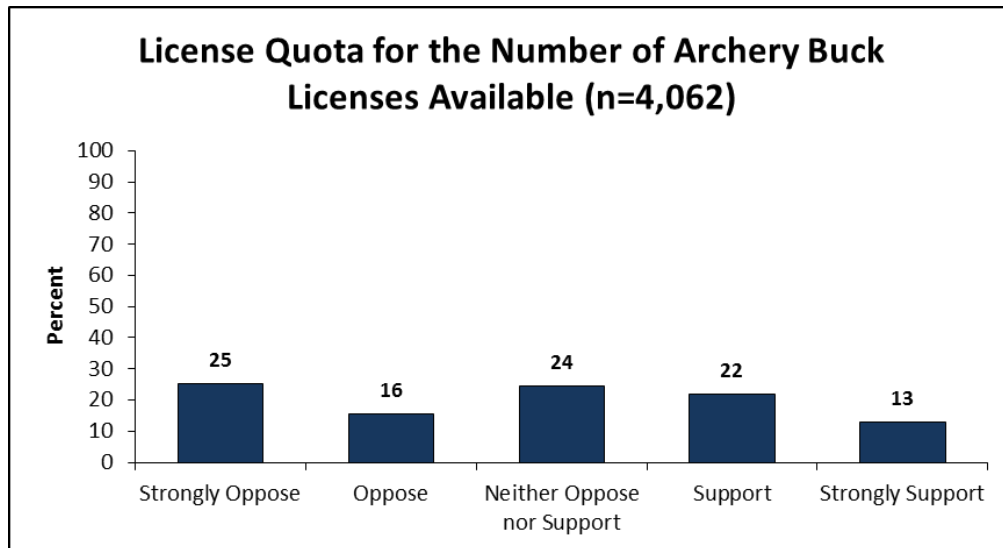


Figure 10: Hunters' level of support for a quota on archery buck deer licenses

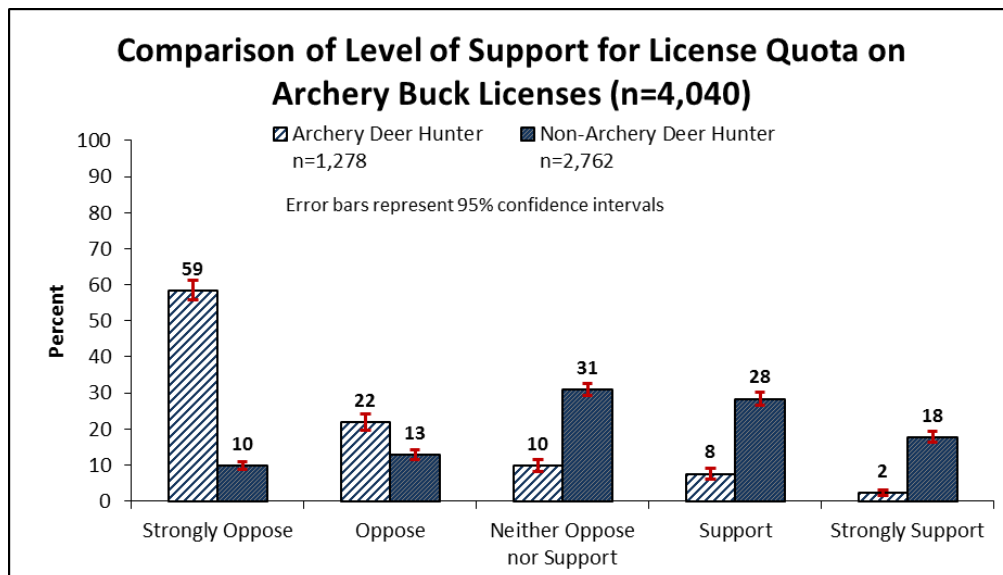


Figure 11: Comparison of support for quota on archery buck deer licenses by hunting method

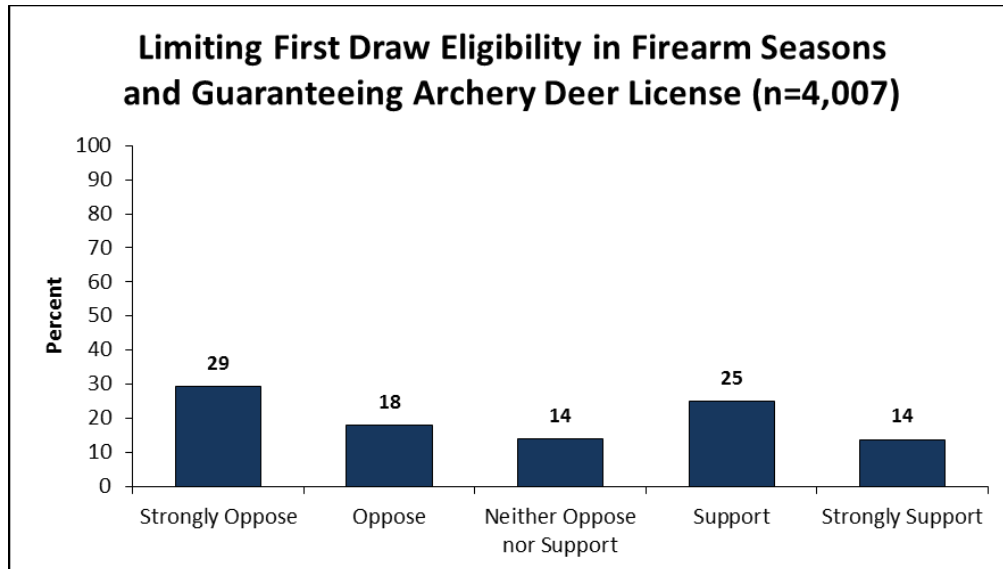


Figure 12: Hunters' level of support for limiting archery deer hunters' first draw eligibility in firearm seasons

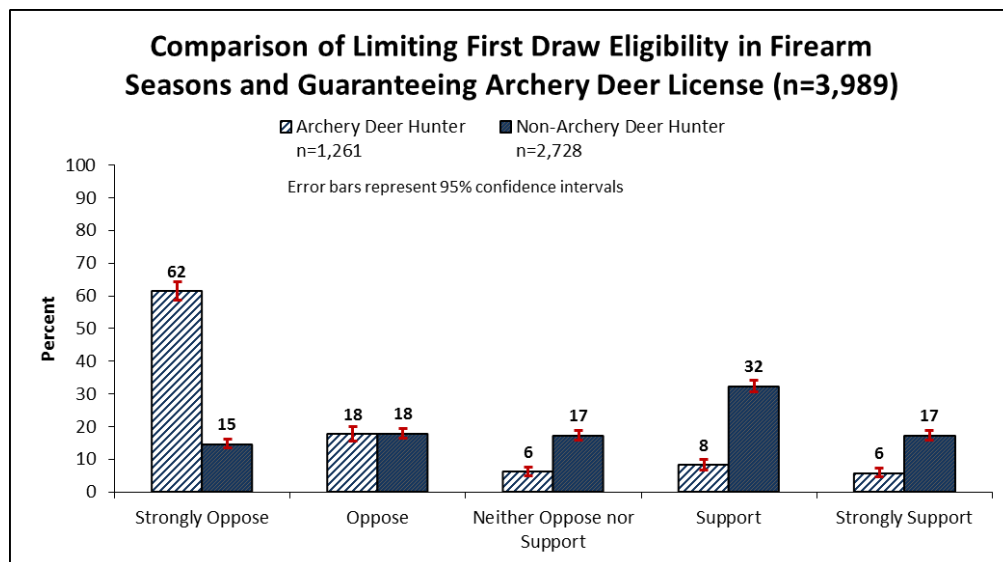


Figure 13: Comparison of support for limiting archery deer hunters' first draw eligibility in firearm seasons by method of hunting

Preference Point System

Currently, firearm season applicants who have one or more preference points get first chance at drawing available licenses. Applicants' chances increase with each additional preference point. When asked, a majority (54%) of deer hunters indicated they thought the

process should be modified so greater weight was placed on applicants who have more preference points, increasing their chances of drawing a license and decreasing the chances of applicants with fewer preference points (figure 14). One-quarter (25%) of deer hunters did not think the preference point system should be modified in this manner, and 21 percent were unsure.

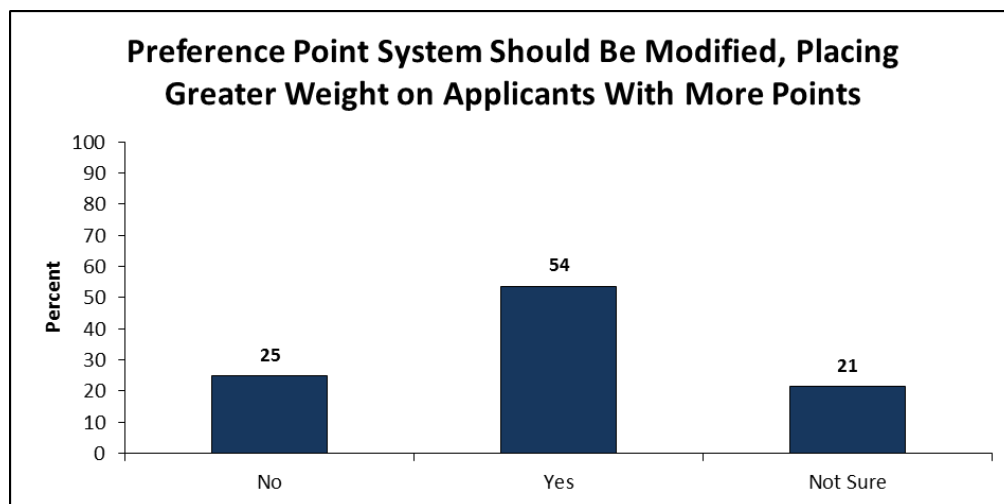


Figure 14: Modification of preference points system

Landowner Preference Deer Licenses

Two opportunities exist within firearm seasons for landowners to apply for deer licenses that allow for the harvest of a buck: 1) all qualifying landowners who do not receive either a West River, East River, or Black Hills buck license are eligible to apply for, at a reduced price, a guaranteed buck license valid only on land they own and operate; or 2) qualifying landowners may apply for, at full price, a Landowner Preference License, which is valid for the entire hunting unit where they are issued. Landowners cannot obtain both licenses for the same year. To be eligible landowners must be a South Dakota resident, and must own and/or operate at least 160 acres for agricultural purposes within the hunting unit applying for. Currently the GFP Commission allocates 50 percent of available licenses in each hunting unit to Landowner Preference. In cases where all Landowner Preference licenses are not issued in a unit they

become available in the general draw. In 2014, the demand met or exceeded the number of Landowner Preference licenses available in 15 of 45 hunting units for the East River Deer season and 3 of 35 hunting units in the West River Deer hunting season.

Respondents were asked their opinion about the proportion of available resident deer licenses allotted to Landowner Preference, as well as the minimum acreage requirement to be eligible for Landowner Preference licenses. In addition to the analysis for all deer hunters, responses from landowners and non-landowners were also compared.⁵ Forty-seven percent of deer hunters felt the proportion of available licenses allotted to Landowner Preference was too many, and 43 percent felt it was just about right. The remaining 10 percent felt the proportion was too few (figure 15). There was a significant difference in ratings between landowners and non-landowners, $\chi^2 (4, N = 3,955) = 1,008.41, p = <0.001$, Cramer's $V = 0.505$ (figure 16). Landowners were more likely than non-landowners to think the current proportion of 50 percent was either just about right or too few. Non-landowners were more likely to think there are too many available deer licenses currently allocated to Landowner Preference. The majority of landowners (62%) think the proportion allotted was just about right, and 28 percent think it is either far too few or slightly too few. The majority of non-landowners think the current proportion allocated is either slightly too many (32%) or far too many (30%).

⁵ Landowners were defined as qualifying for a Landowner Preference deer license.

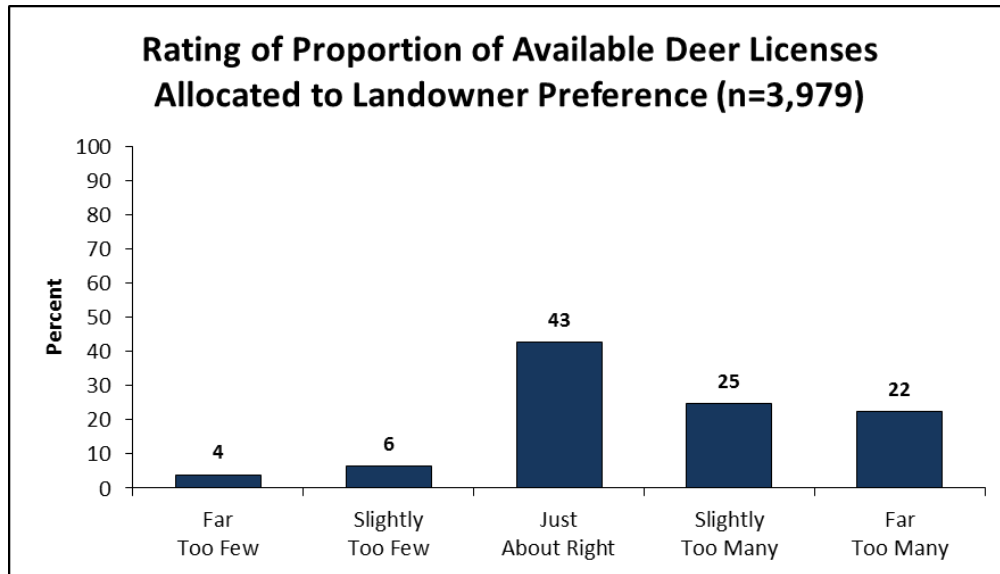


Figure 15: Hunters' rating of proportion of available deer licenses allocated to Landowner Preference

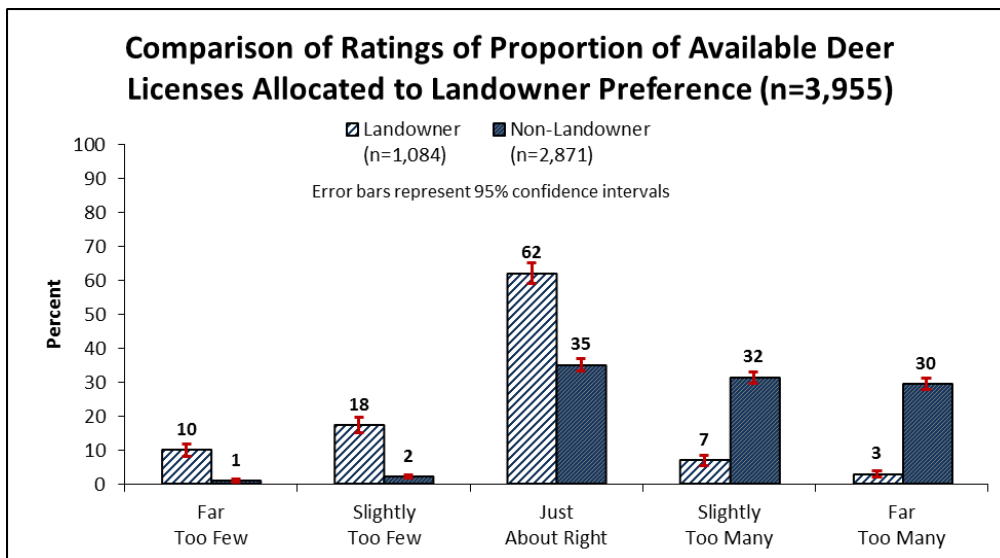


Figure 16: Comparison of ratings of proportion of available deer licenses allocated to Landowner Preference by land ownership

The majority of deer hunters (60%) felt the minimum acreage requirement of 160 acres to qualify for Landowner Preference deer licenses was just about right. Approximately one-quarter (26%) felt 160 acres was too few, and the remaining 14 percent felt this was too many acres (figure 17). There were significant differences in the rating of the minimum acreage

required between landowners and non-landowners, $\chi^2 (4, N = 3,933) = 172.33, p = <0.001$, Cramer's $V = 0.209$ (figure 18). Landowners were more likely than non-landowners to rate the 160 acres as being just about right, while non-landowners were more likely to rate this requirement as being far too few acres. Three-quarters of landowners (75%) rated the 160 acres as just about right compared with 54 percent of non-landowners, and 17 percent of non-landowners rated it as being far too few compared with only 4 percent of landowners.

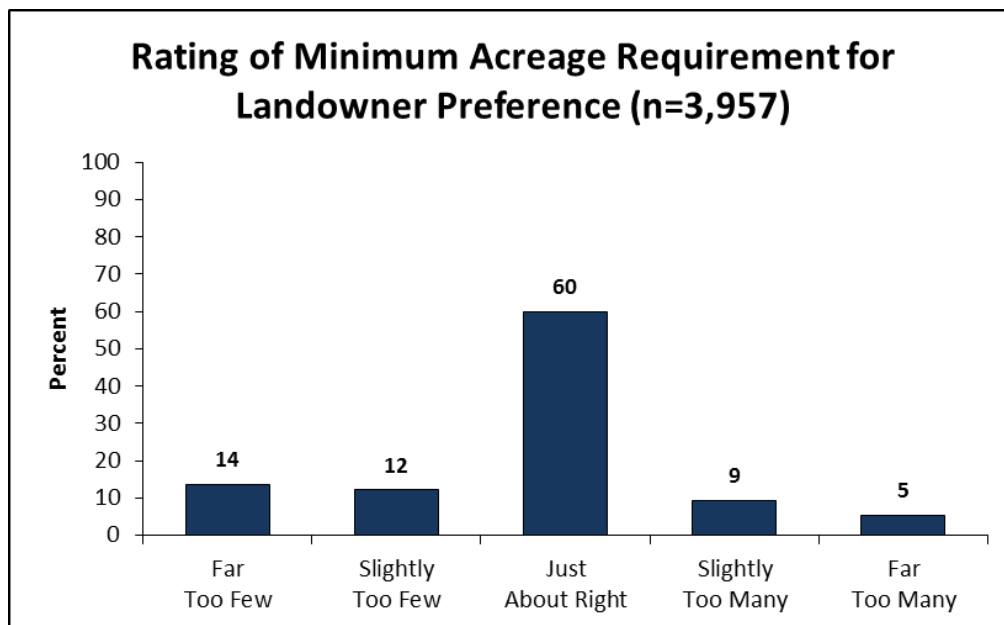


Figure 17: Hunters' rating of minimum acreage requirement for Landowner Preference licenses

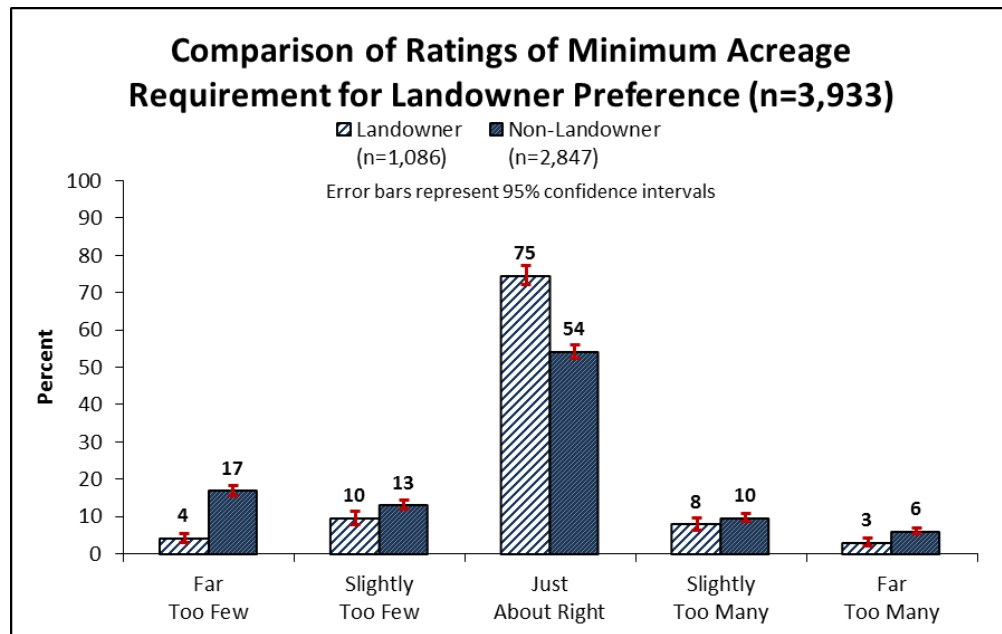


Figure 18: Comparison of ratings of minimum acreage requirement for Landowner Preference by land ownership

Comments

Many of the respondents to the South Dakota Deer License Opinion Survey provided additional comments with their completed questionnaires (appendix B). These comments provide a qualitative description of South Dakota resident deer hunters' opinions and preferences related to deer license allocation. These comments did not have to be specific to any question asked on the survey, but rather deer hunters were free to provide additional comments at the end.

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Appendix A
Survey Instrument
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South Dakota Deer License Opinion Survey



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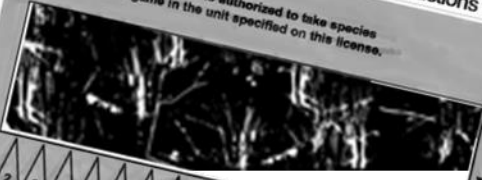
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Please read each question and indicate your answer in the space provided. All information you provide will be treated confidentially and will never be linked to your name.

Q1. Of the following deer seasons, please indicate the ones you apply for in a typical year.

Please select all that apply:

- ☐ East River Deer (includes ER Special Buck)
- ☐ West River Deer (includes WR Special Buck)
- ☐ Black Hills Deer
- ☐ Archery Deer
- ☐ Muzzleloader Deer
- ☐ Refuge Deer
- ☐ Custer State Park Deer

Q2. Which of the following seasons is your MOST preferred deer hunt?

Please select only one:

- ☐ East River Deer (includes ER Special Buck)
- ☐ West River Deer (includes WR Special Buck)
- ☐ Black Hills Deer
- ☐ Archery Deer
- ☐ Muzzleloader Deer
- ☐ Refuge Deer
- ☐ Custer State Park Deer

Q3. How often do you expect to be successful at drawing your preferred deer license in South Dakota?

Please select only one:

- ☐ Every Year
- ☐ At Least Once Every 2 Years
- ☐ At Least Once Every 3 Years
- ☐ At Least Once Every 4 Years
- ☐ Other, *please specify:* _____

Currently, there are 7 deer seasons which allow for buck harvest: 6 firearm seasons and 1 archery season. Hunters can apply for each of the firearm seasons in weighted-lottery drawings that are separate and independent of each other. Archery “any deer” licenses are over-the-counter, and all hunters who apply receive one. As a result, some hunters may receive multiple buck licenses while other hunters may not get any buck licenses in a given year (table 1).

Table 1. 2013 Deer Hunter Statistics (Residents Only)

	Unique 1 st Choice Buck License Applicants	Buck Licenses Available	2013 Buck Harvest
Firearm	60,179	42,680	24,176
Archery	16,946	Unlimited	4,298
Muzzleloader	5,885	1,000	374
Buck Licenses Held Per Hunter	Number of Deer Hunters	Percent of Hunters	
0	11,669	17.2%	
1	42,245	62.5%	
2	10,469	15.5%	
3 to 10	3,254	4.8%	

Q4. How fair or unfair do you think the current allocation process is for buck deer licenses?

Very Unfair ☐ Unfair ☐ Neither Unfair Nor Fair ☐ Fair ☐ Very Fair ☐

Q5. How strongly would you support or oppose having a license quota for the number of archery buck licenses available?

Strongly Oppose ☐ Oppose ☐ Neither Oppose Nor Support ☐ Support ☐ Strongly Support ☐

Q6. Currently, firearm season applicants who have one or more preference points get first chance at drawing available licenses. Applicants’ chances increase with each additional preference point. Do you think this process should be modified so greater weight is placed on applicants who have more preference points, increasing their chances of drawing a license and decreasing the chances of applicants with fewer preference points?

☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ Not Sure

Next we would like to ask your opinion of potential application processes for deer licenses throughout the state.

Things to consider when reviewing these potential changes:

- The leftover license process would not change, and you could receive deer licenses on 2nd and 3rd drawings.
- A preference point system would remain in place, and you would not lose your current points.
- If you draw your preferred season in the first drawing, you will not be eligible to apply for seasons until the 3rd drawing.
- No changes are being considered for youth seasons.

Q7. How strongly would you support or oppose a process that would increase resident hunters' chances of getting at least one buck deer license per year, knowing it would limit some hunters' chances of getting multiple buck licenses in a year?

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neither Oppose Nor Support	Support	Strongly Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q8. How strongly do you support or oppose keeping the current process for how deer licenses are allocated?

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neither Oppose Nor Support	Support	Strongly Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q9. How strongly do you support or oppose a system where the drawings for East River, West River, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge, and CSP (includes Special Buck licenses) would be at the same time AND hunters could only choose...:

	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neither Oppose nor Support	Support	Strongly Support
A. ... one season in the first drawing?*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. ... two seasons in the first drawing?**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Based on 2013 license information, about 15,000 hunters applied for 2 or more seasons.

**Based on 2013 license information, about 4,100 hunters applied for 3 or more seasons.

Q10. How strongly would you support or oppose a system where archery deer hunters would continue to be guaranteed to draw a license every year, but they would give up first draw eligibility in firearm seasons?

Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neither Oppose Nor Support	Support	Strongly Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Finally, we would like to ask your opinion about Landowner Preference deer licenses.**

Two opportunities exist within firearm seasons for landowners to apply for deer licenses that allow for the harvest of a buck. 1) All qualifying landowners who do not receive either a West River, East River, or Black Hills buck license are eligible to apply for, at a reduced price, a guaranteed buck license valid only on land they own or operate; **or 2) qualifying landowners may apply for, at full-price, a Landowner Preference License, which is valid for the entire hunting unit where they are issued. Landowners cannot obtain both licenses for the same year.*

Landowner Preference Deer Licenses

Eligibility: 1) Must be a South Dakota resident; and 2) must own and/or operate at least 160 acres for agricultural purposes within the hunting unit applying for.

License Availability:

- Currently the GFP commission allocates 50% of available licenses in each hunting unit to Landowner Preference.
- In cases where all Landowner Preference licenses are not issued in a unit they become available in the general draw.
- In 2014, the demand for the 50% license allocation for landowners met or exceeded the number of buck licenses available in 15 of 45 hunting units for the East River Deer season and 3 of 35 hunting units in the West River Deer hunting season.

Q11. Do you qualify for a Landowner Preference deer license (resident who owns and/or operates at least 160 acres of farm or ranchland maintained for agricultural purposes)?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Q12. How would you rate the proportion (50%) of available resident deer licenses allotted to landowner preference?

Far Too Few	Slightly Too Few	Just About Right	Slightly Too Many	Far Too Many
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. Currently, farmers and ranchers must own and/or operate a minimum of 160 acres to qualify for a Landowner Preference Deer License. How would you rate this minimum acreage requirement?

Far Too
Few

☐

Slightly
Too
Few

☐

Just
About
Right

☐

Slightly
Too
Many

☐

Far Too
Many

☐

Thank You for your valuable time completing this survey!

If you have additional suggestions for ways to improve the process for allocating buck deer hunting licenses in South Dakota, please use the space below to share your ideas.

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Appendix B

Additional Comments

The views expressed in survey comments are the views of the commenting respondent(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks or the author(s) of this report. Neither the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks nor the author(s) guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of any opinion or view expressed in respondents' comments. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks reserves the right, but not obligation, to remove at its discretion any language which discloses personally identifiable information about respondents or any other individual, as well as language which is obscene, profane, offensive, malicious, discriminatory, defamatory or otherwise unlawful.

* Note – Respondents' comments did not have to be specific to any question asked on the survey but rather they were free to provide additional comments at the end. Text which appears inside brackets [] has been added to clarify respondents' reference to specific survey questions, identify parts of comments which were illegible, or in some cases to indicate where personally identifying information or expletives has been omitted.

- 1000 YOURS IS A TOUGH JOB - SOME CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO AREAS THAT HAVE CHANGED DUE TO CHANGES IN PRODUCTION - I.E. CORN PRICES IN RECENT YEARS HAVE PROMPTED AN INCREASE IN ACRES PLANTED (EVEN DRYLAND WEST RIVER?) AND STORM ATLAS HAS SURE GATHERED REMAINING DEER HERDS TOWARD THOSE FIELDS. APPRECIATE YOUR WORK!!
- 1005 [archery buck license quota] OUT OF STATE TAGS LIMITED.
- 1019 [expectation to draw] I'M A LANDOWNER
- 1022 FIRST OFF, I WOULD SUPPORT CUTTING TAGS IN HALF OR ALL TOGETHER FOR A YEAR OR EVEN TWO IN AREAS THAT GOT HIT BAD. IF A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF TAGS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN OUT, LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE ON MOST SINCE THEY ARE THE ONES RAISING THE DEER. IT'S BEEN A KNOWN PROBLEM FOR YEARS HOW MUCH ILLEGAL HUNTING GOES ON MAINLY CHASING DEER WITH VEHICLES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN EDMUNDS COUNTY WHERE I OWN LAND I THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY 1 IN 4 DEER ARE SHOT ILLEGALLY BASED ON WHAT GOES ON AROUND US. AND FROM OTHER LANDOWNERS I'VE SPOKEN WITH, THIS IS A VERY COMMON PROBLEM THROUGHOUT EASTERN SD. WE NEED MORE STRICT LAWS AND GREATER FINES TO GET THIS UNDER CONTROL. THE DEER DON'T HAVE A CHANCE. BY DECREASING POACHED DEER, IN TURN THAT WOULD HELP THE POPULATION REBOUND. IT'S DISCOURAGING HOW MANY SO CALLED HUNTERS GET A TAG AND NEVER PLAN TO GET OUT OF THE TRUCK.
- 1029 1. HUNTERS SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SHOOT 1 BUCK DEER A YEAR. 2. NON-LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE LICENSE EVERY 2 OR 3 YEARS. THIS IS THE WAY IT USED TO BE. WE HAD MORE DEER IN THE 60'S AND 70'S AND

HUNTERS COULD ONLY HAVE LICENSES EVERY 2 OR 3 YEARS. 3. ARCHERY HUNTERS NEED TO BE REGULATED. THINGS HAVE CHANGED WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT.

- 1031 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY. [preference points] YES, NOT SURE - TO SOME DEGREE. WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH LICENSES TO SUSTAIN THE VOLUME OF APPS AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF A SYSTEM LIKE THAT?
- 1045 [expectation to draw] I FEED MANY DEER AND SHOULD GET TO HUNT ONE EVERY YEAR FREE!
- 1046 ME AND MY HUSBAND HAVE OWNED LAND AND HUNTED FOR MANY YEARS. NOW WE HAVE TURNED THE FARM OVER TO THE BOY, SO WE ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR LAND OWNER PREFERENCE. I AM IN MY 70'S AND MY HUSBAND IS 68 AND WE STILL ENJOY GETTING OUT THERE AND HUNTING. WE HAVE TAUGHT OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS HOW TO HUNT AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE DIDN'T GET A LICENSE THIS YEAR. I HOPE WE HAVE NOT HAD OUR LAST HUNT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FEW LICENSE DIRECTED TO OUR AGE GROUP OR A NO LONGER LANDOWNER. THANK YOU....
- 1047 I THINK YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE THE SAME. IF LANDOWNERS AREN'T GETTING TAGS AND SOMEBODY FROM SIOUX FALLS IS CIRCLING THEIR LAND IN A TRUCK IT WILL NOT BE A GOOD DEAL. WE LEAVE CRP GRASS, FOOD PLOTS AND PLANT TREES, SO I FEEL WE DESERVE A LICENSE EVERY YEAR. I CAN'T SEE HOW SOME GUYS CAN HAVE 6-7 BUCKS TAGS A YEAR, NOT COUNTING RESERVATION HUNTS. THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TAGS THAT CAN BE DRAWN. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME TYPE OF LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS THAT CAN HUNT CERTAIN PUBLIC LAND. I OWN LAND NEXT TO 2 BIG PUBLIC LAND PIECES AND THE GUYS THAT HUNT THERE SHOOT EVERYTHING. COULD ALSO CONSIDER A 4 POINT MINIMUM TO GET THE TROPHY QUALITY UP IN THE STATE.
- 1048 I BELIEVE THAT THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IS A GOOD THING THE LANDOWNERS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE PLANTING THE CROPS FOR THE DEER TO FEED ON AND SUPPLY THE HABITAT FOR THE DEER. I THINK THERE MAY ALSO BE FOR PREFERENCE THAT THE RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER SOMEONE OUT OF COUNTY.
- 1049 LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY AMOUNT OF DEER LICENSES. THE DEER GRAZE ON THIS LAND THE LANDOWNERS' LAND AND NO COMPENSATION IS RECEIVED FOR THIS OR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS OR HAY.
- 1051 MOVE THE RIFLE SEASON INTO DECEMBER.
- 1054 WITH THE AMOUNT OF DEER WE HAVE ON OUR PROPERTY THAT WE HOUSE ALL YEAR LONG I WOULD FEEL VERY FRUSTRATED IF I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DRAW A TAG FOR MY PROPERTY. I UNDERSTAND NOT BEING ABLE TO

DRAW A TAG FOR THE UNIT BUT I FEEL I SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO HUNT MY PROPERTY FOR DEER UNDER A LANDOWNERS TAG.

1063 I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SOME FAMILIES THAT ONLY 1 SON IS FARMING OUT OF 4 SONS BUT ALL GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR. PEOPLE THAT ONLY OWN A FEW ACRES ON AN ACREAGE GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR. I OWN 560 ACRES AND RENT AN ADDITIONAL 1430 ACRES.

1085 IN MY OPINION, EVERY LANDOWNER THAT APPLIES FOR A BUCK TAG SHOULD GET A BUCK TAG! AFTER ALL...THE LANDOWNERS ARE THE ONES FEEDING AND PROVIDING COVER FOR THESE DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE. LANDOWNERS SPEND A LOT OF THEIR OWN TIME & MONEY CREATING AND SUSTAINING HABITAT FOR THE SAKE OF HUNTING AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION! I CONSIDER IT A SMALL "REWARD" TO BE AWARDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT AND/OR HARVEST A BUCK EACH YEAR AS PART OF THEIR HARD WORK AND INVESTMENT IN THE LAND.

I AM TORN ON THE IDEA OF LANDOWNER HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS APPLYING FOR BUCK TAGS. I FEEL THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LANDOWNER TAGS COULD BE LIMITED IN SOME FASHION. I KNOW THERE ARE FAMILIES THAT APPLY FOR LANDOWNER BUCK TAGS FOR THE DAD, MOM, 5 KIDS AND GRANDPA JUST SO THEY CAN SAY THEY CAN SHOOT 8 BUCKS IN A SEASON. THAT'S A BIT RIDICULOUS IN MY OPINION. MAYBE THE LANDOWNERS PREFERENCE LIMIT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 1 TAG PER 160 ACRES OWNED / OPERATED WITH A TOTAL NUMBER PER FAMILY OF 4 OR SOMETHING (IE, YOU HAVE 480 ACRES...YOU AREA ALLOTTED 3 TAGS. YOU OWN 2,000 ACRES, YOU GET 4 TAGS MAX).

1089 I THINK PURCHASING PREFERENCE POINTS IS NOT A VALID SYSTEM.

1095 THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT APPLY AND GET A TAG AND HAVE NOWHERE TO HUNT AND JUST ROAD HUNT. BY CHANGING THE SYSTEM YOU ARE HURTING PEOPLE SUCH AS ME THAT HAVE SPENT A LOT ON LAND JUST TO DEER HUNT. THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DOES ITS JOB JUST FINE. DON'T CHANGE A THING THERE ARE NOT THAT MANY YEARS WHERE ANYONE GETS MORE THAN ONE TAG.

1108 DO MORE TO REDUCE MOUNTAIN LION NUMBERS AND WE WOULD HAVE MORE DEER AND OTHER BIG GAME! LIONS SHOULD BE CLASSED AS PREDATORS AND THE USE OF DOGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HUNT THEM.

1112 [expectation to draw] 1 AND LANDOWNER/OPERATOR

1121 PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE POINTS. IT SHOULD NOT BE ABOUT MONEY. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT USE THEIR HUNTING AS PRIMARY SOURCE OF FOOD RETRIEVAL. THOSE HUNTING AS A HOBBY MORE TIMES THAN NOT HAVE EXTRA MONEY TO SPEND ON THINGS SUCH AS PURCHASING POINTS.

1127 I THINK YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOUTH DEER TAGS IN COUNTIES EXPERIENCING A LOW DEER COUNT, OR LIMIT THE RESIDENT-NON LANDOWNERS. ALSO, A LIMIT

OF TOTAL DEER TAGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. PEOPLE DRAWING OVER 4 TAGS A YEAR IS RIDICULOUS. IF THEY APPLY FOR MULTIPLE TAGS A SET MAX SHOULD BE SET FOR RIFLE AND ARCHERY TOGETHER. LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DRAW THE TAGS THEY APPLY FOR BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE LAND TO HUNT AND SUPPLY HABITAT FOR THE DEER.

- 1132 LANDOWNERS WHO PROMOTE WILDLIFE HABITAT SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE OVER LANDOWNERS WHO DESTROY HABITAT.
- 1153 I AM A LANDOWNER ON THE EAST SIDE OF LACREEK AND FEED MOST OF THEIR DEER. IT DOES ME NO GOOD AND DOES NOT CONTROL THE POPULATION BY GIVING ANY BUCK TAGS. THE POPULATION THIS YEAR IS WHERE I THINK IT SHOULD BE. WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY THEY CAUSE TOO MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE ONLY WAY TO CONTROL THEM IS TO KILL THE DOES. THANKS
- 1159 I THINK PEOPLE GETTING MORE THAN ONE BUCK LICENSE ARE PROBABLY THE PEOPLE WITH LAND TO HUNT. I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO LIMIT THOSE HUNTERS BECAUSE THE LAND THEY HUNT WOULD STILL BE OFF LIMITS TO OTHERS, ONLY INCREASING THE OVERPOPULATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS. USUALLY THE PLACES DEER GET HIT ALONG HIGHWAYS ARE PLACES THAT ARE OFF LIMITS TO HUNTING TO MOST PEOPLE, LIMITING THE LICENSES TO THE PEOPLE WHO DO HUNT THAT AREA WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEER HIT. ALSO LIMITING LANDOWNER TAGS WOULD ALSO CREATE OVER POPULATION.
- 1161 YOU NEED TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE ALLOCATION OF ELK LICENSES TOO.....I OWN 6000 ACRES IN THE SOUTHERN BLACK HILLS, HAVE 200 HEAD ELK ON THIS PROPERTY AND DID NOT GET AN ELK LICENSE!!!!!! SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THIS SCENARIO...
- 1163 DEER LICENSE NUMBERS EAST RIVER SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DECREASED DUE TO POPULATION DECREASE. THERE ARE HERDS OF 300-400+ IN SOME COUNTIES SUCH AS HAMLIN EACH WINTER. WE LIVE RIGHT NEAR ONE THAT STARTS FORMING EVERY FALL/WINTER. ALSO WHY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF LICENSES WHEN NOT EVERYONE EVEN HARVESTS ALL THEIR TAGS EACH YEAR.
- 1171 THERE ARE TOO MANY DEER ON THE ROADS FOR THE NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED THIS YEAR. I THOUGHT THAT GFP WAS SUPPOSED TO MANAGE THE NUMBER OF DEER. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD DRIVE THE ROADS EARLY MORNINGS AND EARLY EVENINGS WHEN THE DEER ARE OUT SO YOU CAN COUNT THEM BETTER OR TRY TO NOT HIT THEM LIKE THE REST OF US THAT WORK.
- 1180 WE OPTED TO NOT APPLY THIS YEAR DUE TO THE DEER POPULATION HEALTH LAST YEAR. AS LANDOWNERS, WE WOULD LIKE THE RIGHT TO TAKE A BUCK FROM OUR LAND EVERY YEAR. WE FEED THEM AND PUT UP WITH ISSUES WITH THEM RAVAGING OUR HAY AND FEED STOCKPILES.

- 1192 I BELIEVE RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER RESIDENTS OF OTHER COUNTIES. EXAMPLES RESIDENTS OF SAY WALWORTH COUNTY SHOULD GET LICENSES BEFORE RESIDENTS OF SAY, MINNEHAHA COUNTY. LANDOWNERS WOULD STILL GET PREFERENCE 1ST.
- 1195 [fairness of current system] IN MY OPINION YOU GIVE OUT TOO MANY DOE TAGS. IT'S SIMPLE, LESS DOES KILLED MEANS MORE BUCKS. EHD DIDN'T KILL OFF THE DEER YOU DID WITH DOUBLE DOE TAGS. [archery buck license quota] IF AN AVERAGE DOE HAD 12 FAWNS IN HER LIFETIME TWO TAGS YOU JUST KILLED 26 DEER WITH TWO TAGS! IF A COUNTY GAVE OUT 150 DOUBLE DOE TAGS YOU JUST KILLED 1500 DEER WITH 150 TAGS IN ONE SEASON! STUPID. PEOPLE JUST THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY DEER BECAUSE THEY SEE THE SAME 4 DEER DAY AFTER DAY. [landowner preference] I DO FEEL THAT A LANDOWNER SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LANDOWNER TAG UNLESS THEY PUT IN FOR A LICENSE IN THE REGULAR DRAW AND ARE UNSUCCESSFUL. AND MULE IT IS THE SAME PRICE. AGAIN YOU ARE SIMPLY KILLING TOO MANY DOES. LESS DOES MEANS LESS DEER THEREFOR LESS BUCKS. A LANDOWNER SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A TAG EVERY YEAR THEY ARE REALLY THE ONES FEEDING THEM AND TAKING CARE OF THEM NOT THE GFP! THE GFP IS SIMPLY SUPPOSED TO MANAGE THE DEER WHICH IN MY OPINION THEY ARE NOT DOING A VERY GOOD JOB. BLAMING LOW DEER NUMBERS ON EHD WAS FALSE YOU JUST KILLED TOO MANY DOE IN A THREE YEAR PERIOD. JUST LIKE THE PHEASANT NUMBERS ARE FALSE THE ONLY PLACES THERE ARE ANY BIRDS IS WHERE EVERYONE TURNS THEM OUT. IT SEEMS FUNNY TO ME THAT ALL THE BIRDS YOU SEE ARE ROOSTERS WHERE ARE THE HENS? THOSE HATCHES MUST HAVE BEEN ALL ROOSTERS LOL. EITHER SHORTEN THE PHEASANT SEASON OF MAKE THE LIMIT LOWER. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU ARE GOING TO GET THE NUMBERS UP.
- 1197 YOUR HARVEST SURVEYS ARE FLAWED! YOU NEED TO ACCOUNT FOR HUNTERS THAT DO NOT FILL THEIR BUCK TAGS, DUE TO NOT BEING BIG ENOUGH, WARM WEATHER AND ANIMALS NOT MOVING AND LACK OF TIME THE HUNTER PUTS INTO THE SEASON. IT IS STILL AN OPENING DAY AND HALF OF THE SECOND DAY HUNT THEN THEY ARE GONE AND ONTO ANOTHER SEASON, I.E., PHEASANT, EAST RIVER DEER, DUCKS, ETC. BE PATIENT, YOU CANNOT CONTROL MOTHER NATURE, THE DEER POPULATION IS FAR HIGHER THAN THE FLAWED HARVEST SURVEY INDICATES IN OUR UNIT, IN THE YEARS TO COME YOU WILL BE SUFFERING DEPREDATION. OUR UNIT WAS CUT BY 2/3(3300 TAGS TO 1100) IN LICENSE NUMBERS AND THERE HASN'T BEEN A WARDEN ON THE GROUND HERE FOR FIVE YEARS. YOU HAVE NO FEEL OF POPULATION. WE WINTERED OVER 400 ANIMALS.
- 1203 LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE
- 1207 LIMITING ARCHERY HUNTERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN FIRST RIFLE DRAWS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ARCHERY HUNTERS. I OPERATE ALMOST 4500 ACRES IN THE WESTERN DAKOTAS. LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET A TAG TO HUNT THEIR OWN LAND EVERY YEAR GUARANTEED. IF THEY WANT TO HUNT THE REST OF THE AREA, THEY CAN GET IN THE DRAW WITH EVERYONE ELSE. THE YEAR I DO NOT DRAW A LANDOWNER TAG FOR HUNTING MY OWN LAND, IS THE LAST YEAR ANY ONE HUNTS IT BUT ME. AS A

LANDOWNER, I CONSIDER A LANDOWNER TAG A FORMALITY ONLY. IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO FURTHER ERODE LANDOWNER SUPPORT OF THE GFP.

- 1222 AS A SD LANDOWNER, I EXPECT TO APPLY AND RECEIVE AN ANY DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR TO HUNT MY OWN LAND. [fairness of current system] HUNTERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE MORE THAN TWO BUCK LICENSES. ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE QUOTA NOT NECESSARY UNLESS ARCHERY BUCK HARVEST EXCEEDS PRESENT 15% OF TOTAL BUCK HARVEST. HOWEVER, IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE FIREARM BUCK LICENSES CONTINUES TO DECLINE, THEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF ARCHERY BUCK LICENSES SHOULD ALSO BE MADE. THE MAXIMUM LIMIT SHOULD BE ONE ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE AND ONE FIREARM BUCK LICENSE UNLESS THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE FIREARM BUCK LICENSES CONTINUES TO DECLINE BUCK LICENSES SHOULD ALSO BE MADE. LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD PROVIDE A BUCK LICENSE ONLY IF THE LANDOWNER HUNTS HIS/HER OWN LAND. IF A LANDOWNER WANTS TO HUNT OTHER PROPERTY THAN WHAT HE/SHE OWNS, THEN LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD NOT APPLY. INCREASE ACREAGE REQUIREMENT FROM 160 ACRES TO 320 ACRES TO RECEIVE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. OPERATING FARMS/RANCHES ARE GETTING LARGER AND THE INCREASED ACREAGE SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST A BUCK ON HIS/HER LAND ESPECIALLY IF HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE.
- 1226 IN MY COUNTY OF CHARLES MIX. WE ALREADY HAVE REDUCED NUMBER OF LICENSES DUE TO THE FACT THAT ANY YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE MEMBER CAN GET A TAG OVER THE COUNTY AND AS MANY AS THEY WANT. I FEEL THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR LICENSES LIKE THE REST OF THE RESIDENTS. SECOND OF ALL IS AFTER THEY RECEIVE THEIR TAGS PROPERTY BOUNDARIES SEEM TO HAVE NO EFFECT ON THEM I HAVE HAD TREE STANDS, SCOUTING CAMERAS STOLEN OR DAMAGED ON MY PRIVATE PROPERTY. I FEEL IF THEY HAVE TO DRAW FOR A LICENSE THAT THIS MAY PREVENT SOME OF THIS JUST MY OPINION.
- 1231 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 1246 AS A LANDOWNER AND HUNTER I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE DEER NUMBERS. OUR RANCH IS LOCATED IN THE NW CORNER OF PERKINS COUNTY UNIT 53A. I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THIS IS THE FEWEST NUMBER OF DEER THAT I CAN REMEMBER SEEING IN THE LAST 40 YEARS. THE EHD OUTBREAK LAST YEAR TOOK A LOT OF OUR DEER BUT THE NUMBERS HAVE DECREASED EVEN SINCE LAST WINTER. I REALLY FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE CLOSED THE SEASON IN OUR AREA. AS A RANCHER AND SPORTSMAN I FEEL THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN TOO MANY DEER AND THE NUMBER THAT WE ARE AT NOW. `
- 1248 I DO HAVE LANDOWNER STATUS AND FEEL ALL LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND EACH YEAR. IF THEY WANT TO HUNT ON OTHER LANDS THEY NEED TO APPLY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE TO BE FAIR. I ALSO FEEL NO HUNTER SHOULD GET MORE THAN ONE TAG BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE HAS A CHANCE TO GET ONE FIRST. I ALSO FEEL THAT SOME OF US THAT

HAVE OUR LAND SET UP TO ENHANCE THE GROWTH OF DEER AND THE DEER POPULATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE HUNTERS GET TAGS TO COME AND HUNT ON OUR PRIVATE LAND ONLY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. THEY ALLOW THIS FOR PHEASANTS ALL OVER THE STATE. FINALLY, I WOULD SUGGEST WE RAISE THE COST OF FISHING LICENSES TO OUT-OF-STATE USERS SINCE IT IS VERY CHEAP TO COME HERE AND HARVEST FISH EVERY WEEK. KEEP THE SHORT TERM LICENSES CHEAPER BUT MAKE THE SEASON LICENSES MUCH MORE AND THEY WILL STILL PAY IT BECAUSE THE FISHING IS SO GOOD.

- 1252 I THINK A LANDOWNER SHOULD ALWAYS GET HIS BUCK TAG GUARANTEED IF HE SO CHOOSES THEY ARE THE ONES FEEDING THESE ANIMALS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR!
- 1255 I THINK THAT THE COUNTY RESIDENT SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN THE DRAW ESPECIALLY THE LANDOWNER. WE ARE THE ONES FEEDING THE DEER EVERY YEAR, NOT SOMEONE FROM SIOUX FALLS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES THAT THINK THEY CAN JUST DRIVE ALL OVER OUR LAND AND CHASE DEER WHEREVER THEY WANT. THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE! ALSO, SHORTEN THE ARCHERY SEASON AND KEEP THE NUMBER OF TAGS LOW FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
- 1265 OFFER A COMPETITIVE PRICE FOR CRP SO MORE GETS PUT IN. THE LANDOWNERS ARE WHO MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE YOU HAVE TO HAVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE APPEALING TO THEM. NO LANDOWNER WHO BUYS LAND AT THE CURRENT PRICE AND HAS DEER GOING OUT AND EATING ON IT AND SUPPORTS DEER HUNTING CARES IF THE NEXT GUY GETS A TAG. IF YOU WANT A TAG GO BUY LAND I THINK 160 ACRES IS CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS. THEN WE WILL SEE HOW MUCH PEOPLE REALLY CARE ABOUT DEER HUNTING!! IF YOU PUNISH THE LANDOWNER DON'T EXPECT THEM TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO HUNT THEIR LAND. IF THIS HAPPENS THEN YOU LOSE OUT ON A LOT OF THE REVENUE THAT COMES FROM HUNTING AND NOT JUST DEER HUNTING.
- 1266 THE LOW DEER NUMBERS IN OUR COUNTY WERE NOT CAUSED BY DROUGHT, (WE HAVE HAD MOISTURE WHEN OTHER AREAS COULD NOT GROW A CROP) DISEASE (I BELIEVE THEY FOUND 2 DEAD DEER IN OUR COUNTY THE YEAR THE DISEASE WAS EVIDENT IN OTHER AREAS) HABITAT LOSS (MOST ALL COUNTIES EAST RIVER HAVE LOST HABITAT, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT KILLED THEM) I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WAS OVER HARVEST OF DOES THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THAT HAS DECIMATED OUR DEER POPULATION IN OUR COUNTY.
- 1276 PEOPLE WITH LANDOWNER/OPERATOR SHOULD GET FIRST PICKS BECAUSE THE DEER EAT OUR GRAIN SO WE FEED AND RAISE THESE DEER OUT OF OUR OWN POCKETS SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HARVEST FOR OUR OWN FOOD IF WE CHOOSE TOO.
- 1277 SIMPLIFY - DIVIDE THE NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS PER UNIT EQUALLY PER UNIT BETWEEN RIFLE, BOW, MUZZLELOADER, ETC. MUZZLELOADERS SHOULD BE A GUN LOADED AT MUZZLE END ONLY NOT THESE DROP IN SIDE LOADS LIKE HALL AND SOME OF THEM, THEY SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN THE RIFLE

SEASON. SHOULD ALSO CREATE A PRIMITIVE ARCHERY AND ATATL SEASON, NO COMPOUND BOWS.

- 1284 DO AWAY WITH ANTLERLESS TAGS FOR COUPLE OF YEARS TO IMPROVE DEER NUMBERS WHICH ARE VERY LOW. WHEN DEER NUMBERS ARE HIGHER MORE TAGS CAN BE ISSUED.
- 1289 IT IS A BAD IDEA TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF "BUCK" TAGS THAT A PERSON CAN GET IN THE FIRST ROUND. IF A PERSON GETS ONE TAG THIS YEAR, NEXT YEAR THEY MIGHT GET 3 TAGS. IT IS JUST THE LUCK OF THE DRAW. I STRONGLY OPPOSE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF ARCHERY TAGS AND COUNTING IT AS ONE OF A PERSON'S CHOICES. IN DOING THAT, YOU ARE MAKING ME CHOOSE BETWEEN TAKING MY 9 YEAR OLD SON ARCHERY HUNTING WITH ME TO GET HIM INTERESTED IN IT AND TAKING HIM RIFLE HUNTING. LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TAGS IS GOING TO GIVE KIDS LESS OF A CHANCE OF LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF HUNTING (RIFLE, ARCHERY, AND MUZZLELOADER). GETTING KIDS INTERESTED IN HUNTING KEEPS THEM OUT OF TROUBLE. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CHANGES THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT.
- 1296 PLEASE QUIT HUNTING OUR DOES FOR 4 MONTHS. YOU CANNOT HAVE ANYTHING IF YOU ARE GOING TO KILL ALL THE MOMMAS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME PLEASE TRY TO SAVE THE DOES.
- 1298 LANDOWNER REQUIREMENTS ARE TOO HIGH IN THE BLACK HILLS AREA, BUT ARE REASONABLE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE.
- 1306 YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER WHO FEEDS THE DEER YEAR ROUND.
- 1313 YOU SHOULDN'T BE JUST CONCERNED WITH BUCK LICENSES AS MANY HUNTERS ARE SHOOTING TOO MANY ANTLERLESS DEER. WHEN ANTLERLESS HARVESTS RETURN THE NUMBER OF TAGS AVAILABLE TO ONE HUNTER SHOULD ALSO BE LIMITED.
- 1320 THE TWO TYPES OF LANDOWNER PERMITS ARE NOT CLEARLY EXPLAINED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS THAT GFP HAS BEEN USING. I HAVE BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT I HAD ONE CHOICE AND THAT WAS TO HUNT ON MY OWN LAND ONLY WITHIN THE UNIT. AS THIS LAND ONLY OCCASIONALLY HAS DEER I HAVE VERY RESTRICTIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE A DEER THERE. AT THE SAME TIME I OBSERVE ANOTHER HUNTER WHO EVERY YEAR HAS A BUCK PERMIT, AND I ASSUME MUST BE USING LANDOWNER PREFERENCE TO SECURE IT, HUNT ON ADJACENT LAND THAT HE DOES NOT OWN I HAVE ASSUMED THAT HE IS IN VIOLATION AND I AM NOT. NOW I KNOW THAT I CAN USE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE TO SECURE A LICENSE AT FULL COST BUT HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO HUNT ON NEARBY LAND THAT I DO NOT OWN. YOU NEED TO MAKE THESE OPTIONS CLEARER IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS ONLINE.
- 1325 I'M ADMITTEDLY IGNORANT ON THE EXACT DATA AND SOURCE OF DATA CONSIDERED TO ESTABLISH TOTAL NUMBER OF TAGS PER COUNTY. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT LARGE RELIANCE IS GIVEN TO RESULTS OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S HUNTER SUCCESS SURVEYS AND A LESSER DEGREE TO THE COUNTY

CONSERVATION OFFICER'S OBSERVATIONS. THIS WAS TOLD ME BY OUR COUNTY OFFICER. I HAVE HEARD FROM A RETIRED GAME WARDEN THAT GF&P DOES NOT SURVEY THE COUNTY FARMERS/RANCHERS AT ALL. IF TRUE, THAT IS VERY SAD AS IN MY 50 YEARS OF DEER HUNTING, FARMERS WILL HAVE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY AND POTENTIAL TO PREDICT THE MOST ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION. HOWEVER, SOME HATE DEER AND WILL ALWAYS SAY THERE ARE TOO MANY. IF A LARGE ENOUGH SAMPLING, WOULD OCCUR TO ASSURE STATISTICALLY RELIABLE DATA FROM A FARMER SURVEY, THAT APPROACH SHOULD BE RELIED UPON IN FINAL DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF TAGS BY COUNTY.

- 1326 I LIVE HERE I AM A RANCHER. [expectation to draw a license] I FEED DEER WITHOUT COMPENSATION FROM GAME & FISH. ACRES 2 WINTERS I HAD OVER 600 ALFALFA BALES DAMAGED BY DEER. I HAD TOO MUCH RAIN TO GET THE BALES IN BEFORE EARLY SNOW. THE BALES WERE UNSALEABLE, I COULDN'T PAY THE BANK. [landowner preference] THE LANDOWNER SHOULD ALWAYS GET A TAG AS THEY FEED THE ANIMALS. THE MAIN TROUBLE WITH THE LACK OF DEER IN EASTERN MEADE COUNTY IS THE PREDATOR PROBLEM. COYOTES TAKE A LOT OF THE FAWNS AND SCARE ADULT DEER AT TIMES. THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS LION PREDATION. LAST YEAR EARLY FALL I HAD 6 DEER ON MY RANCH, 1 DOE, 2 FAWNS, 2 YEARLINGS, 1-2 YEAR OLD BUCK. BY SPRING I FOUND 3 OF THE 6 DEAD LION KILLS AND TRACKS. THERE WERE 30 MULE DEER AND ABOUT 30 WHITETAIL DEER IN THE LOWER TURTLE CREEK HERD IN SPRING 2011. THE LION MOVED IN, KILLED A FEW HERE MOVED THE REST OUT. EHD KILLED THE BUNCHED UP DEER. NOW I SOMETIMES GO SEVERAL MONTHS BETWEEN DEER SIGHTINGS.
- 1330 I AM A LANDOWNER SO I EXPECT ONE EVERY YEAR.
- 1351 WE NEED TO PROMOTE MORE ARCHERY HUNTERS IN THE FIELD BY LEGALIZING CROSSBOWS FOR ALL AGES SUCH AS MN AND WI SINCE THESE DEVICES ARE BEING SOLD AT ALL THE MAJOR SPORTING GOOD OUTLETS. ALSO, PROMOTED ON THE SPORTING CHANNELS.
- 1352 YOU WEBSITE SUCKS. I PURCHASE A LOT OF ITEMS ONLINE AND TRYING TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE SUCKS. MAKE IT SIMPLER.
- 1356 YOU INCREASED NONRESIDENT DEER LICENSES THIS YEAR AND DECREASED RESIDENTS WHICH I STRONGLY OPPOSE. WHY WOULD YOU NOT ALLOW OUR OWN RESIDENTS A CHANCE TO HUNT IN OUR GREAT STATE, YOU MUST REMEMBER WHO PAYS TAXES IN OUR STATE ALL YEAR LONG. IS GFP IS JUST GREEDY FOR NONRESIDENTS APPLICATION FEES?
- 1357 I SUPPORT 1 LICENSE PER PERSON STATEWIDE.
- 1359 DUE TO THE RECENT NEWS DEER ARE A PROBLEM IN CITY LIMITS. WE MOVE WILDLIFE ALL THE TIME WHY NOT MOVE THE UNWANTED DEER TO AREAS IN NEED OF DEER. TEAM UP WITH THE CITIES AND SHARE THE COST OR MANPOWER TO COMPLETE THE JOB.

1370 YOU SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE APPLYING FOR. WHEN APPLICANTS CLICK ON ANY DEER FOR BLACK HILLS A BOX SHOULD POP UP ASKING "DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE ONLY _ NUMBER OF ANY DEER TAGS BUT _ NUMBER OF ANY WHITETAIL TAGS AVAILABLE AND HAVE THEM CLICK YES THAT THEY WANT TO CONTINUE. I HAVE PERSONALLY TALKED TO DOZENS OF APPLICANTS THAT SAID THEY HADN'T DRAWN FOR 3-7 YEARS IN A ROW BUT DIDN'T REALIZE THIS DISTINCTION. SAME WITH SECOND CHOICE FIRST DRAW ELK COW. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THEY LOSE ALL PREFERENCE POINTS AND THEN CAN'T APPLY FOR 10 YEARS IF THEY PUT COW AS SECOND CHOICE FIRST DRAW. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. THE WHOLE REASON I MOVED TO SD 10 YEARS AGO WAS BECAUSE OF OUR LENIENT SYSTEM OF ALLOWING MULTIPLE BUCK TAGS.

1372 [expectation to draw] ONLY BECAUSE OF LANDOWNER PREFERENCE

1373 DO NOT ISSUE 2 TAG LICENSES

1375 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANY OWNER, NOT ONLY TO SD RESIDENTS. THEY HAVE A STAKE IN DEER HABITAT/FEEDING AREAS AND SHOULD HAVE SAME PROPERTY HUNTING RIGHTS AS ANY OTHER OWNER.

1377 IT WOULD BE NICE THAT SINCE A LANDOWNER DOES RAISE YOUR DEER, THAT HE WOULD BE ALLOWED A WAY TO HAVE ANOTHER HUNTER OF HIS CHOICE (RESIDENT OR NOT) HUNT HIS LAND. THAT HUNTER WOULD HAVE TO PAY LICENSE COST. OUR BROTHER HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET A NONRESIDENT LICENSE FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS NOW AND CAN NEVER DRAW. HE IS NOT A CRAZY KILL HAPPY GUY, JUST WOULD LIKE TO GET A MULE DEER.

A BEEF : THIS ROAD HUNTING IS AWFULLY DANGEROUS. WE HAVE TAUGHT OUR CHILDREN FOR YEARS NEVER TO FIRE FROM A ROAD OR ACROSS A ROAD FOR SAFETY SAKE. WE HAVE SEEN HUNTERS SHOOT WITHIN 200 FEET OF A FARM HOUSE WHERE GRANDCHILDREN OFTEN PLAY. WE HAVE SEEN THEM STOPPED OVER HILLS WITH DOORS OPEN CAUSING US TO SLAM ON THE BRAKES OR DO SOME SWERVING. IT MAKES LIARS OF MANY SO CALLED SPORTSMEN AS THEY SAY THAT THEY WERE SHOOTING AT A GROUSE/TURKEY THAT WAS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY, BUT THEY ARE MANY FEET INSIDE YOUR FENCE GETTING A BIRD THAT IS DOWN. THERE, I VENTED.

1385 1 ARCHERY TAG/SEASON AND THAT ITS.

1388 KEEP THE PERMIT PROCESS SIMPLE SO EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND IT. TRY TO ALLOW EVERY PERSON WITH A PERMIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST ONE DEER.

1390 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT LANDOWNERS HAVE RECOGNIZED INPUT TO THE LICENSING PROCESS ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO LANDOWNER PREFERENCE.

1392 I FEEL THAT SOUTH DAKOTA FISH AND GAME DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF MANAGING THE WILDLIFE. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE DISEASE THAT WIPED OUT A HUGE PROPORTION OF THE DEER POPULATION, YOU PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH CURRENT LICENSE ALLOCATION. I FOR

ONE SAW A PAIR OF ANTLERS EVERY 20 YARDS ALONG THE CHEYENNE RIVER THAT HAD DIED FROM THE DISEASE. I DO NOT KNOW THE REASON OR THE CURE, BUT TIME PUT IN TRYING TO STOP IT WOULD INCREASE THE SUCCESS IN DEER TAG ALLOCATION.

- 1393 THE STATE WOULD BE LOSING MONEY AS MANY ARCHERS BUY MANY TAGS NOT FILLING ONLY ONE. IT IS JUST A WAY MANY OF THEM CAN JUST GET OUT IN THE FIELD, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN SHOOTING OR HUNTING FOR A LOT OF HUNTERS. AS I HAVE ALWAYS TOLD MY BOW HUNTER CLASSES AFTER YOU HAVE SHOT A DEER THE REAL HUNT BEGINS, IT IS CALLED THE SECOND HUNT. HOPE THIS WILL HELP.
- 1400 MUZZLELOADER SEASON NEEDS TO BE BEFORE THE FIREARMS SEASON. THE WAY IT IS NOW I CONSIDER THE TAG A DONATION TO THE GFP.
- 1401 [landowner preference] EAST RIVER FAR TOO FEW. WEST RIVER SLIGHTLY TOO FEW.
- 1406 I THINK THERE SHOULD BE MORE BUCK AND LESS DOE TAGS. IT DOES NOT HURT DEER HERD KILLING BUCKS BUT IT DOES KILLING DOES.
- 1421 WHEN THE DEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN, YOU GUYS MAY NEED TO HAVE A FLEXIBLE PLAN, SUCH AS GOING TO A EVERY OTHER YEAR FOR NON-LANDOWNERS TO APPLY FOR AN ANY DEER LICENSE, THIS WAS DONE IN THE 70'S. THIS GIVES FAMILY MEMBERS A CHANCE TO SEND IN EVERY YEAR, BUT CAN STILL GO ALONG ON THE HUNT WHETHER THEY HAVE A LICENSE OR NOT, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE WALKERS OR SOMEONE TO HELP DRAG A DEER! I DO NOT HAVE LAND WEST RIVER SO WE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE, WE LOVE THE WEST RIVER AREA BUT THE PAID HUNTING HAS LEFT A SOUR TASTE WITH US, WE ARE LIMITED TO WALK IN AREAS WHICH ARE OVERCROWDED. AND USUALLY NOT MANY SHOOTABLE BUCKS ARE LOCATED THERE. USUALLY WHEN DEER NUMBERS ARE UP THERE NOT AS BIG A PROBLEM FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT GETTING A LICENSE, BUT NUMBERS ARE DOWN. I DON'T BELIEVE IN LIMITING ARCHERS TO JUST ONE POSSIBLE BUCK TAG AND NO CHANCE FOR A RIFLE TAG, ARCHERS DO A LOT OF PREPARATION FOR ARCHERY SEASON, THEY DON'T ALWAYS GET A BUCK AND WHEN NUMBERS ARE DOWN ITS ALRIGHT TO LET A FEW BUCKS SURVIVE IN CASE IT'S A TOUGH WINTER. NOW ON THE OTHER HAND I BELIEVE ONCE YOU HAVE GOTTEN 2 POSSIBLE BUCK TAGS THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR A YEAR WHEN NUMBERS ARE DOWN, HUNTERS SHOULD RATE WHICH TWO FAVORABLE SEASONS THEY PREFER WHEN APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE SEASONS, THAT WAY IF THEY DRAW FIREARM, ARCHERY AND BLACK POWDER, THE HIGHER OF THE 2 IS THE TAGS THEY RECEIVE.
- 1434 EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A BUCK ONLY TAG. "LANDOWNER", "SD RESIDENT" AND "YOUTH"
- 1436 I SUPPORT THE GFP AND THANK THEM. I AM PF ACTIVE MEMBER HAVE WORKED WITH THEM AND UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM. I WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO CONSIDER SELLING DOE TAGS AT THE COURT HOUSE FOR TEN DOLLARS TO GET RID OF SOME OF THE DEER POPULATION WE HAVE IN THIS

COUNTY. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DETERMINED WHAT COUNTIES HAVE LOW COUNT, BUT I THINK THEY MISSED THE COUNTY. YOU CAN'T EVEN DRIVE INTO TOWN A MILE WITH OUT ALMOST HITTING 20 DEER. I KNOW YOU HAVE A TOUGH JOB AND HAVE GOOD CO IN THIS AREA AND THINK THEY DO A GOOD JOB.

1442 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND MUZZLELOADER

1444 IF YOU LIMIT RIFLE AND MUZZLELOADER TO ONE IN THE SAME DRAWING, THEN THE MUZZLELOADER SEASON SHOULD RUN IN THE RIFLE SEASON FOR THAT AREA. DO NOT EXTEND THE SEASONS BY BECOMING ANTLERLESS TAGS. THE TAG OWNER SHOULD DECIDE IN THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE NORMAL SEASON HOW TO USE THE TAG, ANTLERED OR ANTLERLESS. THAT WOULD GIVE THE DEER A BREAK SO THEY ARE NOT PUSHED WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLDER. THE SUCCESS RATES IN EACH SEASON NEEDS TO BE WEIGHED IN ON YOUR DECISIONS. ARCHERY SEASON IS A FAIRLY UNSUCCESSFUL SEASON. SOME PEOPLE DON'T FILL EVERY TAG FOR EACH SEASON THAT THEY HAVE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY YEARS I DID NOT FILL ANY TAG I HAD.

1445 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

1449 THERE ARE VERY FEW DEER IN OUR AREA GFP ARE ISSUING TOO MANY TAGS. THE YOUTH SHOULD ONLY HAVE ONE TAG NOT BE ABLE TO SHOOT 4-5 DOES. THE TRIBE ISSUE MORE LICENSES THAN THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO AND HUNT YEAR ROUND. WON'T BE LONG AND THERE WON'T BE ANY DEER AROUND! I OWN LAND ON 2 SIDES OF SICA HOLLOW STATE PARK, EXCELLENT HUNTING AREA, BUT THERE ARE NO DEER ANYMORE TO HUNT. WE LIKE TO SEE THE DEER AROUND. I HAVE ONLY SHOT 1 BUCK IN THE LAST 4 YEARS.

1450 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR OR SOMETIMES EVERY OTHER YEAR IF TAG NUMBERS ARE DOWN ON ANY DEER LICENSES.

1460 1. I WOULD SUPPORT [alternative allocation] IF YOU ADDED SECTION C. THREE SEASONS IN FIRST DRAWING. 2. LANDOWNER PREFERENCE: VERIFY APPLICANT IS AN ACTUAL LANDOWNER IN THE UNIT APPLIED FOR. 3. DISEASE, WEATHER, HABITAT LOSS HAVE REDUCED THE DEER POPULATION. AS NUMBERS REBOUND MORE TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE. 4. IMPOSE A POINT RESTRICTION. BUCKS MUST BE 3 1/2 YEARS OLD OR HAVE A MINIMUM OF 4 POINTS ON ONE SIDE.

1468 I AM A LANDOWNER AND I DON'T LIKE BOW HUNTERS AND MY DAD DIDN'T CARE FOR THEM EITHER. BUT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HUNT EARLY IN THE FALL IT SURE SCREWS UP MY HUNTING. MAKE IT THE SAME TIME. THEY WOUND A LOT OF DEER AND THEY RUN IN CORN FIELDS AND THEY CAN'T FIND THEM.

1469 BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY IN SD'S LANDSCAPE AND LANDOWNER PATTERNS, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DESIGN A STANDARD SYSTEM THAT FITS ALL SITUATIONS. IDEALLY, THINGS LIKE MINIMUM ACREAGE FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE, NUMBER OF BUCK LICENSES ALLOCATED FOR LANDOWNERS

WITH PREFERENCE, ETC. COULD BE VARIED DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THAT PARTICULAR PART OF THE STATE AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME. FINDING THE PERFECT SYSTEM IS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT I COMMEND GFP FOR LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD IMPROVE EQUITY IN THE ALLOCATION SYSTEM AND THAT ADAPT TO CHANGING CONDITIONS IN DEER POPULATIONS AND LANDOWNER POPULATION AND OWNERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS.

- 1470 I HAD TO WORK HARD FOR 160 ACRES, MY FARM AND PAY A LOT OF MONEY. THE HUNTING AND LANDOWNER PREFERENCE WAS ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES I LOOKED FORWARD TO OBTAINING WITH THIS! PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THAT PART!
- 1491 IF YOU OWN FARM LAND AND LIVE ON IT, THERE SHOULD BE NO LIMITS ON LICENSES FOR GAME TAKEN ON YOUR OWN LAND. WE FEED THEM. WE SUSTAIN THE DAMAGE FROM THEM. WE PUT UP WITH OTHER HUNTERS KNOCKING ON OUR DOOR TO HUNT. WE HAVE TO PROTECT OURSELVES, OUR FAMILY, OUR LIVESTOCK FROM THESE SAME HUNTERS' IRRESPONSIBILITY!
- 1492 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 1495 I AM A MAN 74 YEARS OLD AND NOT IN GOOD HEALTH. I COULD NOT LOAD ONE IF I KILLED ONE HOWEVER I LOVE TO HUNT. I JUST LIKE TO DRIVE AND LOOK AND KNOW I AM LEGAL. IT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BIG, BIG ANTLERS BEFORE I HARVEST ONE. I AM A LANDOWNER AND ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I USE TO HAVE MANY DEER ESPECIALLY DOES HOWEVER LAST YEAR I HAD VERY FEW AND THIS YEAR I SEE EVEN LESS HOWEVER THE VEGETATION IS SO THICK AND TALL THAT MAYBE I JUST DON'T SEE THEM. I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR THAT TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN HUNT MY LAND WITH A TRIBAL LICENSE AND I CAN'T HUNT THEIR LAND WITH A STATE LICENSE. HOWEVER I ALSO GET TO HUNT ON TRIBAL LAND WITH PERMISSION. I NEVER FILL THEIR LICENSE EITHER. I DO SUPPORT DEVELOPING A SYSTEM WHERE MORE PEOPLE WOULD GET A LICENSE AND A CHANCE FOR A BUCK. JUST DON'T MESS WITH THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. (HAHA) I WOULD HAVE ONE QUESTION. CAN STATE GAME WARDENS COME ON THE RESERVATIONS AND DO THEY? CAN THEY CHECK OUT TRIBAL HUNTERS? THANKS KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
- 1497 I AM A LANDOWNER DIDN'T GET LICENSE SEEN THEM ALL YEAR AND CAN'T HUNT.
- 1511 [preference points] I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD PAY EXTRA FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR DEER OR ANTELOPE. BACK IN THE 70'S YOU COULD ONLY RECEIVE AN EAST RIVER DEER LICENSE OR ANTELOPE LICENSE ONCE EVERY 2 OR 3 YEARS. GET RID OF THAT EXTENDED SEASON WOULD HELP THE DEER NUMBERS. UNLESS THERE IS A DEPREDATION PROBLEM.
- 1516 I WAS A LITTLE FRUSTRATED TO SEE THAT EAST RIVER (EAST SULLY) LICENSES WENT FROM 1 ANY DEER AND 2 ANTLERLESS, TO 1 ANY WHITETAIL DEER AND 1 ANTLERLESS WHITETAIL. WE DON'T HAVE MANY MULE DEER OUT HERE, BUT IF YOU SEE 1 IT IS NICE TO HAVE THE OPTION TO SHOOT AT IT IF

YOU WANT TO. AND THE LICENSE WENT FROM 3 DEER TO 2, AND THE PRICE WENT UP??? THAT IS FRUSTRATING.

- 1521 I AS A LANDOWNER, SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BUY A LICENSE, AS WE RAISE THE WILDLIFE, THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND GAME FISH AND PARKS DO NOT PAY US FOR RAISING THE WILDLIFE. IF YOU AT GAME FISH AND PARKS WOULD REALLY LIKE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LANDOWNERS GIVE US LANDOWNERS LICENSES FOR RAISING WILDLIFE, IF WE AS LANDOWNERS ARE HUNTERS AND WOULD USE IT. THE OTHER ISSUE I HAVE WITH YOUR LICENSING SYSTEM IS GIVING LICENSES TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO HUNT AND SPEND IT ROAD HUNTING. THIS PROBLEM COULD BE EASILY SOLVED BY HAVING THOSE APPLYING TO GET LANDOWNER PERMISSION IN WRITING WITH THE LANDOWNERS PHONE NUMBER AND GAME, FISH, AND PARKS CAN CALL LANDOWNER TO VERIFY APPROVAL - THIS WOULD ACTUALLY IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LANDOWNERS/HUNTERS AND GAME, FISH, AND PARKS. THOSE ROAD HUNTERS ARE NOT HUNTERS OR SPORTSMAN/WOMAN THEY ARE LAZY!
- 1523 WE DON'T MIND NOT GETTING DEER LICENSE. WE STILL GO AND HUNT TURKEYS. 93 & DIDN'T GET A LICENSE, FOR THE HILLS I'VE HUNTED FOR OVER 60 YEARS?
- 1527 LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE THE FIRST PREFERENCE ON DEER LICENSES!
- 1531 [archery buck license quota] ESPECIALLY FOR NR HUNTERS
- 1532 HAVING TO BUY A PREFERENCE POINT IS SUCH A JOKE! WHAT A WAY FOR SD GFP TO GAIN MORE REVENUE! HUNTING IS FOR EVERYONE NOT JUST THE PEOPLE THAT SPEND EXTRA MONEY FOR AN UNDERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE GAINING THE LICENSE. ARCHERY HUNTERS SHOULD BE LIMITED MORE TOO! THEY GET FIRST CHANCE TO HARVEST SEVERAL DEER, SOMETIMES IN A VERY SMALL AREA AND THUS TAKING AN UNFAIR NUMBER OF DEER AWAY FROM THE AVERAGE RIFLE OR MUZZLELOADER HUNTER. WHY NOT RAISE THE AMOUNT OF NONRESIDENT LICENSES INSTEAD OF RESIDENT. THERE SHOULD BE SOME BIG GAME LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE NONRESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WISH TO HUNT WITH THEM ON PRIVATE LAND.
- 1542 MY MOM SAYS TO HAVE A YEAR OF HARVESTING ANTLERLESS ONLY DEER.
- 1543 I BELIEVE THE ACTUAL LANDOWNERS SHOULD RECEIVE A LICENSE TO DEER HUNT, IF THEY WANT IT. THEY'VE FED THE DEER AND PUT UP WITH THEM THROUGH THE WINTER, AND ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T OWN THEM THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HARVEST ONE IF THEY CHOOSE TO. WHY ARE THE YOUTH AND ARCHERY HUNTERS ALLOWED SO MANY LICENSES? LET EVERYONE HAVE ONE LICENSE, AND ONLY GIVE ONE PER PERSON. THANKS FOR LETTING ME SAY MY PIECE.
- 1548 IN THE PAST I HAVE TRIED TO TALK TO COUNTY GAME WARDENS AND WAS TREATED AS I KNEW NOTHING. I HAVE HUNTED AND FARMED THE LAND ALL OF

- MY LIFE AND DO KNOW THE SIGNS OF DEER POPULATION. TALK TO THE HUNTERS AND LAND OWNERS YOU WILL KNOW ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
- 1549 ALL OF YOUR DECISIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE DEER POPULATION. GAME FISH AND PARKS ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO EVALUATE THE NUMBERS FROM SEASON TO SEASON. THEY SHOULD DO WHAT THEY THINK IS BEST FOR THE DEER POPULATION RATHER THAN TRYING TO PLEASE INDIVIDUALS.
- 1554 STOP SHOOTING DOES THEY ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE BABIES. MAKE IT BUCK ONLY IN THE HARD HIT AREAS.
- 1559 IF YOU WANT POSITIVE RESULTS FOR STUDIES OF DEER, WHY NOT HAVE DEER CHECK STATIONS AS OTHER STATES DO?
- 1569 I DIDN'T KNOW THIS 1) IN LANDOWNER INFO.
- 1570 I AM OPPOSED TO HUNTING AFTER REGULAR SEASON IS DONE. DEER ARE GROUPED UP AND DON'T NEED MORE STRESS. ALSO DOES ARE PREGNANT. LANDOWNERS ARE TIRED OF PEOPLE WANTING TO HUNT YET AND TO DEAL WITH THEM.
- 1571 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 1575 I THINK LYMAN COUNTY UNITS WHICH ARE 45A, 45B, 45C, 45D. SHOULD ALL BE ONE UNIT AGAIN LIKE IT WAS BACK IN THE DAY.
- 1586 IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT ALTERNATE CONSIDERATION BE MADE TO THE 2ND DRAW PROCESS. IF THE LEFTOVER TAGS AVAILABLE IN THE 2ND DRAWING WERE MADE EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS IT WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS DRAWING TAGS WHICH IN TURN WOULD INCREASE REVENUE FOR THE GFP AS WELL AS THE BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE FOOD, LODGING, GAS, MEALS, AND HUNTING SUPPLIES. THE IDEA OF SELLING A TAG FOR \$336 VS. \$50 OR \$286 VS \$40 MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE TO ME. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY.
- 1602 [landowner preference] 80 ACRES
- 1604 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST, WEST AND ARCHERY DEER
- 1625 LANDOWNERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET LICENSE IN EACH UNIT WHERE LANDOWNER OWNS LAND
- 1630 IT WOULD BE VERY FRUSTRATING IF AS A LAND OWNER, I WOULD BE TURNED DOWN FOR A LICENSE WHILE A NON-LANDOWNER WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ONE. I FEEL LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A DEER (BUCK) TAG IF THEY WANT ONE.
- 1638 FIRST OFF, SOME LANDOWNERS OWN ACREAGES WITH LOTS OF DEER THAT LIVE ON THEM ALL YEAR LONG. THESE LANDOWNERS CAN NOT GET A

LANDOWNER TAG BECAUSE THEY DO NOT OWN A FULL QUARTER OR 160 ACRES. I THINK THAT THE LANDOWNER ACREAGE LIMITS SHOULD BE LOWERED TO 80 ACRES OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN. I ALSO THINK THAT LETTING BOW OR ARCHERY HUNTERS DRAW TAGS ANY TIME OR UNLIMITED TAGS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO A LOTTERY. THEY COULD ALSO HAVE A LANDOWNER OPTION ON THEM AS WELL. AS A LANDOWNER IN WEST RIVER SOUTH DAKOTA THERE ARE PLENTY OF DEER ON LAND THAT I OWN AND EATING HAY THAT COSTS MONEY, BUT I WOULD LIKE A TAG THAT LETS ME HUNT NEIGHBORS ADJOINING PROPERTY TO HELP THEIR DEER POPULATION AS WELL. IN THE REGULAR LOTTERY DRAW I APPLY AS A LANDOWNER BUT AM NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL IN MY 1ST CHOICE. MAYBE THERE COULD BE AN IN BETWEEN LICENSES AS LANDOWNERS TO GUARANTEE A TAG BUT LET THEM HUNT THE WHOLE AREA INSTEAD OF JUST THEIR LAND.

1645 WE NEED TO SHORTEN THE SEASON TO ITS ORIGINAL 2 WEEKENDS OR 9 TOTAL DAYS. DEER ARE ENTERING THEIR MOST DIFFICULT TIME OF THE YEAR TO SURVIVE JUST ON THE WEATHER AND THEY ARE BEING RUN RAGGED FOR 2 WEEKS NOW. IF SOMEONE CAN'T GET A DEER IN 9 DAYS, THEY WON'T GET ONE IN 2 WEEKS. THEY, LIKE PHEASANTS, ARE BEING RUN RAGGED BECAUSE BOTH SEASONS ARE CURRENTLY FAR TOO LONG.

1649 WE RANCH AND FARM SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 4000 ACRES, HALF OF WHICH IS SOUTH OF I 90 AND THE OTHER HALF NORTH OF I 90. THAT MEANS THAT EACH YEAR I MUST CHOOSE WHICH HALF OF OUR OWN LAND TO HUNT BECAUSE THE PERMITS DO NOT ALLOW ME TO HUNT BOTH. EACH YEAR I HAVE APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED BOTH ARCHERY AND RIFLE PERMITS. LAST YEAR I DID NOT FILL EITHER, BY CHOICE. I HUNTED BUT PASSED UP RIFLE SHOTS AT TWO EXCELLENT BUCKS, SIMPLY BECAUSE OUR DEER DIE-OFF WAS AT LEAST 80% AND SHOOTING THE BEST SPECIMEN SEEMED ABOUT AS CLEVER AS CULLING MY BEST BULL. I MAY PASS AGAIN THIS YEAR IF THE POPULATION STILL SEEMS LOW. WE ARE ACTIVELY TRYING TO INCREASE BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WILDLIFE AND WERE DOING INCREDIBLY WELL, WITH ABOUT A 1:1 RATIO OF BUCKS TO DOES AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FOUR AND FIVE YEAR OLD BUCK. THEN THE DIE-OFF OCCURRED. MOST OF OUR SURVIVING DOES HAVE NOW HAD TWINS, SO THE POPULATION IS RECOVERING. THE BIG BUCK SEEMED MOST VULNERABLE TO THE DISEASE. I THINK MANY LANDOWNERS ENJOY THE WILDLIFE PART OF THEIR OPERATIONS AND STRIVE TO MANAGE WILDLIFE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY, SO I AM IN FAVOR OF GIVING LANDOWNERS (ESPECIALLY THE LARGER ONES) AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY (FAVORITISM?) AS IS POSSIBLE. ON ANOTHER NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RULES CHANGED FOR ARCHERY, WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AND YOUTH AUTOMATICALLY BEING ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A CROSSBOW PERMIT. IT IS FINE TO USE MY NAME WITH THIS SURVEY. [RESPONDENT NAME AND PROPERTY LOCATION] PS IN AS MUCH AS WE HAVE SPENT QUITE A LOT OF MONEY ON HABITAT IMPROVEMENT, I WOULD BE IRRITATED WERE I NOT TO RECEIVE A PERMIT EVEN THOUGH I THEN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO HARVEST AN ANIMAL. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SOME PEOPLE WOULD BELIEVE THAT GIVING PREFERENCE TO LANDOWNERS IS NOT FAIR, BUT I THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT THEY HAVE ANY CONCEPT OF THE RESOURCES THAT SOME OF US WILLINGLY DEVOTE TO WILDLIFE.

- 1651 I THINK CHARGING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS WILL HELP PEOPLE BUYING THEM GET A LICENSE QUICKER NOW.
- 1659 [expectation to draw] EAST RIVER LANDOWNER EVERY YEAR.
- 1662 SINCE LANDOWNERS FEED THE DEER YEAR ROUND THEY CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE TO SHOOT THEM!
- 1664 I FEEL THAT IF A LANDOWNER APPLIES FOR ONE THEY SHOULD GET ONE FOR ANY DEER IN THEIR UNIT. WE FEED THEM AND PUT UP WITH THE DAMAGE ALL YEAR LONG. THEY DAMAGE CROPS, TREES, HAY AND FEED FOR OUR LIVESTOCK. I THINK THEY SHOULD JUST BE GIVEN A LICENSE TO HELP PAY FOR WHAT THEY DAMAGE AND EAT. WE PUT UP WITH OR DEAL WITH PEOPLE TRESPASSING, LEAVING GATES OPEN, DAMAGING CROPS, SHOOTING UP PRIVATE PROPERTY, NO HUNTING SIGNS, MACHINERY AND EVEN SOME LIVESTOCK AND EVEN OUR PETS.
- 1665 COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY FOR LICENSE IN THEIR HOME COUNTY ALSO LANDOWNERS THAT OWN 20 ACRES SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LICENSE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND BUT THE PENALTY FOR HUNTING OTHER LAND SHOULD BE STIFF
- 1669 AS A LANDOWNER I THINK I SHOULD BE GUARANTEED A TAG OF EVERY HUNTING SEASON I CHOOSE TO PUT IN FOR
- 1674 [landowner preference] DEPENDS ON LAND QUALITY FOR WILDLIFE 160 ACRES COULD PRODUCE MORE THAN 640 ACRES FARMED OR [...].
- 1677 [expectation to draw] BE NICE WHEN I PLANT FOOD PLOT FOR THE STATE.
- 1679 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 1685 SOME OF US HUNTERS OWN BOTH HILLS AND PRAIRIE LAND. WE TRY AND PROVIDE HABITAT FOR THE WILDLIFE TO MAKE THEM HEALTHIER AND BIGGER. THESE ANIMALS ARE HARVESTED BY BOTH LANDOWNERS AND NON-LANDOWNERS. WE PAY COUNTY TAXES WHERE THE LAND IS AND PAY FULL PRICE LICENSE FEES. IF ONE OWNS LAND IN MULTIPLE AREAS THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HUNT EACH UNIT EACH YEAR.
- 1688 I HATE TO SAY IT BUT I BELIEVE IN ORDER TO GET THE DEER POPULATIONS BACK UP WE ARE GONNA HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE SEASON FOR A YEAR OR TWO IN EAST RIVER! SOMETHING DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE DONE.
- 1690 I'M A LANDOWNER AND FEED THEM 365 SO I FEEL I SHOULD GET A LICENSE EVERY YEAR.
- 1693 LANDOWNERS FEED AND PUT UP WITH DEER 365 DAYS PER YEAR. GFP IS A GREAT ORGANIZATION, BUT OUR LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE FIRST RIGHTS. MY FARM IS CURRENTLY OPERATED BY MY SON, AND HE CARES FOR THE WILDLIFE AS MUCH AS I DID FOR 33 YEARS. WE PLANT FOOD PLOTS FOR

BOTH PHEASANT AND DEER AT OUR EXPENSE. REMEMBER LANDOWNERS CAN STOP HUNTING ALL TOGETHER.

- 1696 MANAGE DEER NUMBERS NOT THE WHINERS
- 1704 ALL LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET A LICENSE SINCE DEER HERD LIVES ON THEIR LAND ALL YEAR.
- 1706 WE GOT LICENSE LAST YEAR NO DEER AFTER THE OCT STORM. THIS YEAR WE DIDN'T GET LICENSE STILL NOT SEEING DEER OUT LAND WE HUNT.
- 1708 [expectation to draw] I AM A LANDOWNER
- 1712 I FEEL THAT A LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE TO OPERATE OR HAVE FINANCIAL LOSS DUE TO CROP DAMAGE FROM DEER. THE WAY IT IS NOW THE RENTER FEEDS THE DEER AND SUFFERS FINANCIAL LOSS AND THE LANDOWNER GETS PREFERENCE DEER LICENSE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHO ACTUALLY TAKES CARE OF THE DEER THAT YOU SELL LICENSES FOR. I HOPE YOU CONSIDER LOOKING FURTHER INTO THIS SITUATION. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS. I AM A LANDOWNER.
- 1718 NO DEER NEED TO LIMIT TAGS UNTIL THEY RECOVER. LIMIT DOE TAGS FOR A FEW YEARS SO THEY CAN BUILD THE HERD BACK UP. THERE ARE MORE HUNTERS THAN THERE ARE DEER!
- 1726 I AM A LANDOWNER, I THINK GFP SHOULD LOOK AT A NEW WANTON & WASTE LAW, I SEE A LOT OF DEER & PHEASANTS SHOT AND NOT CLEANED. IT SHOULD BE A \$10,000 FINE LIKE IN OTHER STATES AND THERE IS A LOT OF BIG COUNTRY THAT PEOPLE DRIVE ALL OVER AND SHOOT A BIG BUCK JUST FOR THE HORNS AND LEAVE THE MEAT AND PROBABLY DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE, I KNOW OF THESE AREAS AND SEE THIS TOO MUCH. AND HOW DO THESE HUNTING LODGES GUARANTEE A DEER LICENSE IN THEIR ADS & WEBSITES? IT SHOULD BE ONE DEER, ONE TAG ONLY UNLESS DOE TAGS. THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT GET 4-5 TAGS AND KEEP HUNTING TRYING TO GET THE BIG BUCK.
- 1730 I WOULD RATHER APPLY AND HAVE A CHANCE TO DRAW A TAG AND GET DENIED THAN NOT HAVE THE OPTION AT ALL. LANDOWNERS PAY THE TAXES AND RAISE THE DEER. WHERE ARE PEOPLE GOING TO HUNT IF LANDOWNERS DON'T GET TAGS. THEY WON'T LET PEOPLE HUNT IF THEY ARE NOT HUNTING THEM ALSO. ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE REAL HUNTERS AND CONSERVATIONIST. THEY ARE NOT ROAD HUNTERS. THEY RESPECT THE GAME.
- 1731 THERE NEEDS TO BE A SYSTEM DEVELOPED TO ALLOW HUNTERS TO HUNT AFTER ALL CORN AND SUNFLOWERS HAVE BEEN HARVESTED BY THE COMBINE. A LATE DECEMBER SEASON OR SOMETHING. I DID NOT GET A DEER THE PAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF STANDING CORN AND SUNFLOWERS WHICH ARE IN 160 ACRE OR BIGGER FIELDS. THERE ARE SEVERAL 320 ACRE TO 640 ACRE CORN AND SUNFLOWER FIELDS WHICH DON'T GET COMBINED UNTIL DECEMBER BECAUSE THEY ARE FARMED BY VERY LARGE FARMERS.

THE DEER LIVE IN THESE UNHARVESTED FIELDS DURING THE DEER SEASON. ONLY LICENSE HOLDERS COULD HUNT THE LATE SEASON. THANK YOU.

- 1733 NEED TO VERIFY ACTUAL OPERATOR/OWNER OF 160 ACRES, TOO EASY FOR SOME PEOPLE I KNOW TO NOT BE INVOLVED OR OPERATE LAND AND STILL APPLY FOR THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE.
- 1737 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER. [general comment] THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE MONITORED BETTER. THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO OWN LAND BUT DO NOT USE IT OR OPERATE A FARM OR RANCH THAT GET THESE LICENSES. THIS MAKES IT VERY UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO DON'T OWN LAND THAT WANT TO GET A DEER THAT NEED IT FOR THEIR FAMILY TO EAT INSTEAD OF THE GREEDY PERSON WHO WANTS A SET OF ANTLERS ON THE WALL.
- 1754 I DON'T LIKE THE BUYING OF PREFERENCE POINTS NOT A GOOD MOVE LETS MONEY BUY LICENSES
- 1761 I REALLY DON'T APPRECIATE A SURVEY THAT APPEARS TO FAVOR PEOPLE WITH AN ANTI ARCHERY AND ANTI LANDOWNER BIAS. IF YOU WANT TO HUNT EVERY YEAR BUY A BOW. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT PERCENTAGE OF OUR WILDLIFE RESIDES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. BEFORE YOU GET TOO CARRIED AWAY WITH THE ARCHERY RESTRICTIONS YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF DEER HARVESTED WITHIN THE ARCHERY SEASON, NOT JUST THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TAGS. JUST FOR THE RECORD I FIND THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE BORDERLINE OFFENSIVE, BOTH AS A BOW HUNTER AND AS A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR. WHOEVER CAME UP WITH THESE QUESTIONS OBVIOUSLY HAS A STRONG BIAS TOWARDS RIFLE HUNTING, YOU MANAGE THE POPULATION OF DEER THROUGH THE DOE HARVEST, I WOULD EXPECT SDGF&P TO BE AWARE OF THAT.
- 1764 EVERYONE SHOULD ONLY GET 1 [license per year]. IT'S TOO MUCH MONEY TO SEND IN FOR A LICENSE. I DIDN'T EVEN SEND IN FOR A TAG THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE PRICE INCREASE.
- 1767 LANDOWNERS FEED THE DEER WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HARVEST 1 DEER.
- 1788 I FEEL LANDOWNERS THAT NATURALLY FEED THE WILDLIFE SHOULD ALWAYS GET A LICENSE. WE SHOULD ALSO PAY VERY LITTLE IF ANY FOR A LICENSE. NO ONE ELSE IS LETTING THEM DESTROY THEIR CROPS.
- 1806 I HAVE BEEN GETTING (OR TRYING TO) TAGS FOR OVER 45 YEARS, I DON'T ALWAYS GET MY FIRST CHOICE, BUT I DON'T COMPLAIN, I JUST GO FOR 2ND OR 3RD BEST. THIS IS JUST PART OF HUNTING. MANY TIMES MY FIRST CHOICE TAGS WERE NOT FILLED WITH A BUCK EITHER. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH RESIDENT TAGS IT IS TIME TO TAKE THE NON-RESIDENT BUCK TAGS AND GIVE THEM TO RESIDENTS. I DON'T THINK YOUR SYSTEM IS BROKE, DON'T TRY TO FIX IT. MAYBE SOMEDAY I WILL GET A WALL HANGER.

- 1808 I AM DISAPPOINTED AS A SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT WHO APPLIED FOR BOTH EAST RIVER (PREFERRED) AND WEST RIVER DEER THAT I DID NOT DRAW EITHER. I UNDERSTAND THE LOTTERY PROCESS BUT I TRULY HOPE THAT NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY TAGS IF ALL RESIDENTS DO NOT GET THEM. I AM PLEASED THAT I AT LEAST GOT A BOW TAG AND HOPEFULLY CAN STILL HARVEST A DEER FOR FREEZER. MY HUSBAND AND I ARE BOTH AVID HUNTERS AND DO NOT WANT TO SPEND LOTS OF MONEY TO HUNT OTHER STATES BECAUSE WE CAN'T HUNT IN OUR OWN.
- 1809 I KNOW AS A FARMER WE SEE BETWEEN ONE AND TWO HUNDRED DEER EACH WINTER EATING OFF THE SILAGE AND GROUND HAY AND CORN WE KEEP TO FEED OUR CATTLE. THOSE WHO SAY THERE IS A SHORTAGE MUST NOT BE LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES. I BELIEVE ANY SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT SHOULD BE GRANTED FIRST CHANCE OF A BUCK TAG OVER NONRESIDENTS. I KNOW THEY BRING IN MONEY FOR THE STATE BUT SO DO RESIDENTS THAT "LUCKED OUT" IN THE DRAW. I HAVE GREAT CONCERN FOR THE POACHERS AND THE MESS THEY LEAVE FOR EVERYONE. BETWEEN CUTTING FENCES DOWN TO STEAL THEIR POACH AND WOUNDING MANY MORE THAN THEY GET, YOU SHOULD BE HARDER ON THEM. LAST BUT NOT LEAST PUSH FOR MORE COYOTE HUNTERS, THEY ARE THICK HERE AND ITS GETTING A BIT WORRISOME.
- 1812 I CONSIDER BUYING PREFERENCE POINTS RIDICULOUS. JUST MEANING THAT THERE WE GO AGAIN, SOMEONE WITH MONEY CAN BUY THEIR WAY TO A BETTER CHANCE AT A LICENSE. PAYING FOR A PREFERENCE POINT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.
- 1814 I REALIZE THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS WHO RECEIVE TWO OR MORE BUCK TAGS SEEMS UNFAIR SINCE SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET ONE BUCK TAG BUT IN MY OPINION IT'S NOT THAT UNFAIR. EVERYONE CAN APPLY FOR MULTIPLE SEASONS BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME PEOPLE YEAR AFTER YEAR GETTING TWO BUCK TAGS. EVERYONE IS PUT IN THE LOTTERY AND IF THEY DIDN'T GET A TAG LAST YEAR THEY CAN GET A PREFERENCE POINT. THAT IS THE POINT OF A LOTTERY IT'S THE LUCK OF THE DRAW. I FEEL YOU SHOULD NOT PUT ALL THE SEASONS INTO ONE DRAW. THEY SHOULD STAY HOW THEY ARE BECAUSE SOME HUNTERS ENJOY GOING EAST AND WEST RIVER. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PICK ONE OR THE OTHER AND THEN THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THEY DON'T GET THERE FIRST CHOICE TOO. THANK YOU
- 1820 JUST REMEMBER MOST LANDOWNERS TAKE PRIDE IN RAISING ALL WILDLIFE ON THEIR LAND AND WE DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT ALL WILDLIFE HAS A CHANCE TO GROW UP. AND THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO HARVEST SOME WILDLIFE EVERY YEAR....
- 1824 [preference points] ONLY TAP SO MANY PERCENT OF HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. [landowner preference] NUMBER AND FREQUENCY SHOULD BE RELATED TO ACRES.
- 1829 IN RESPONSE TO THE S.D. DEER LICENSE OPINION SURVEY;

FIRST AND FOREMOST – PREDATOR CONTROL! DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO CONTROL THE MOUNTAIN LIONS, COYOTES AND WOLVES. THEY ARE DESTROYING OUR ELK CLAVES, WHITETAIL FAWNS, MULE DEER FAWNS AND OUR GAME BIRDS.

SUGGESTIONS:

- REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON AERIAL AND SNOWMOBILE HUNTING.
- ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE TRAPPING, GAME CALLING AND DOG HUNTING.
- OFFER BOUNTIES ON PREDATORS.

SECOND – GO BACK TO THE 9 DAY RIFLE DEER SEASON WE HAD IN THE 1970'S, OPENING THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. ALSO, COMPLETELY END THE JANUARY DOE SEASON.

IN THE 1970'S, HUNTERS WOULD SITE THEIR GUNS IN ON THANKSGIVING DAY. THEY WOULD HUNT THE FIRST WEEKEND FOR A GOOD BUCK, GO TO WORK THE NEXT WEEK AND SHOOT A DOE OR LESSER BUCK THE LAST WEEKEND. THIS WOULD PUT FOR THE MOST PART 2 DAYS OF HUNTING PRESSURE ON THE BIG BUCKS.

NOW HUNTERS CAN HUNT A WEEK EARLIER WHEN THE BUCKS ARE STILL IN RUT. THEY HUNT THE OPENING WEEKEND, THEN THE ENTIRE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AND THE WHOLE NEXT WEEK FOR A GOOD BUCK THINKING IF ALL ELSE FAILS THEY CAN SHOOT A DOE IN JANUARY. THIS PUTS 16 DAYS OF HUNTING PRESSURE ON THE GOOD BUCKS WHEN THEY ARE STILL IN RUT.

IN SUMMARY, PREDATOR CONTROL WILL INCREASE THE ENTIRE DEER AND ELK HERDS. GOING BACK TO THE 9 DAY SEASON AND ELIMINATING THE JANUARY DOE SEASON WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF THE LARGE BUCKS.

I'M A LANDOWNER, FARMER, RANCHER, AND A PERSON WHO ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS, WILDLIFE AND HUNTING.

1834 IF THE SDGFP WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO GREEDY, AND OVER SOLD THE LICENSES FOR THE LAST 10 TO 15 YEARS, THIS SURVEY WOULD NOT EXIST.

1841 I FEEL THE REASON FOR THE REDUCED DEER POPULATION IS NOT RELATED TO NATURAL CAUSES, BUT IT'S THE STATE WIDE ARCHERY LICENSES NO LIMIT THAT YOU ARE NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, WITH THE IMPROVED BOWS AND EQUIPMENT IT IS EXTREMELY EASY TO HARVEST A DEER WITH BOW, THESE LICENSES NEED TO BE LIMITED, IF YOU DON'T THE MULE DEER POPULATION IS GOING TO BE KILLED OFF, WE HAVE SEEN REDUCED NUMBERS IN THE HERD THAT WE WINTER EVERY YEAR, THE WHITETAIL NUMBERS, AT LEAST ON OUR PLACE IS HOLDING FAIRLY STEADY, EXCEPT FOR LAST YEAR, WHEN WE SAW FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN NUMBERS. THE OTHER POINT THAT WE HAVE DISAGREED WITH IS THE HARVESTING OF DOES, WHICH WE HAVE NEVER DONE AND HAVE STILL MAINTAINED A HEALTHY HERD, WE HAVE NEVER HAD A KILL OFF FROM BLUE TONGUE ON THE RANCH AND THE HERD HAS STAYED

STEADY UNTIL YOU INCREASED THE DOE TAGS AND LET THE ARCHERY HUNTERS TAKE OVER THE CORPS LAND

- 1845 [archery firearm restriction] I WOULD SUPPORT THIS SYSTEM IF AND ONLY IF THE ARCHERY LICENSE QUOTA SUGGESTED IN Q5 ISN'T IMPLEMENTED! [landowner preference] I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT ANOTHER OPTION FOR ACREAGE REQUIREMENT 1) IF A LANDOWNER OWNS 160 ACRES HE WOULD QUALIFY FOR 1 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DEER LICENSE 2) IF A LANDOWNER OWNS 240 ACRES OR MORE HE WOULD QUALIFY FOR 2 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DEER LICENSES.
- 1849 ARCHERY SHOULD HAVE LIMITS ON LICENSE NUMBERS IN UNITS AROUND LARGER CITIES. GFP IS LOOKING GREEDY WITH NO REDUCTIONS IN SPECIAL BUCK LICENSES.
- 1854 I BELIEVE ONLY ONE BUCK LICENSE PER HUNTER SHOULD BE ALLOWED. MULTIPLE BUCK TAGS SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IF THERE ARE BUCK TAGS LEFT OVER WHEN THE DRAWINGS ARE ALL DONE.
- 1867 I FIND IT ABSURD THAT HUNTERS CAN OBTAIN MULTIPLE DEER LICENSES WHILE OTHERS GO FOR YEARS WITHOUT RECEIVING A LICENSE. TO PAY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS I ALSO FIND ABSURD. AS FOR LANDOWNERS, THEY FEED AND WATER THE DEER ALL YEAR LONG, AND THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GUARANTEED A YEARLY LICENSE.
- 1873 I AM A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR. ISSUE MORE LICENSES, LET MORE PEOPLE HUNT. IF MORE LICENSES ARE ISSUED LESS PEOPLE WILL FEEL SLIGHTED. THEY MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN HARVESTING A DEER, BUT AT LEAST THEY ARE HAVING A HUNTING TRIP, TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS ETC. SD GFP NEEDS TO LISTEN TO MORE OF WHAT LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS HAVE TO SAY, WE ARE CONSERVATIONIST THROUGH AND THROUGH. MOST FARMERS/LANDOWNERS KNOW THE VALUE OF WILDLIFE AND DO MANY FARMING PRACTICES TO HELP DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE, SUCH AS FOOD PLOTS, TREE STRIPS, STOCK DAMS, BUFFER ZONES, ETC. COUNTIES IN E. CENTRAL SD HAVE LOTS OF DEER, OUR LICENSE NUMBERS DIDN'T NEED TO BE REDUCED, THEY NEEDED TO BE INCREASED. EXAMPLE DEER CAR COLLISIONS LOOK IT UP. THANKS FOR LISTENING.
- 1879 [archery buck license quota] DON'T UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. HOW WOULD A QUOTA SYSTEM WORK? [general comments] PLEASE KEEP ARCHERY ANY DEER UNLIMITED ARCHERY SUCCESS IS LOW. HUNTERS LEARN VALUABLE SKILLS AND RESPECT FOR LAND AND ANIMALS PURSING THIS SPORT. PLEASE KEEP LANDOWNER LICENSE ALLOCATION. MANY LANDOWNERS DO EXTRA FOR WILD GAME WITH THE KNOWLEDGE A PREFERENCE LICENSE IS LIKELY. THE PREFERENCE ADDS AN INCENTIVE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE FOOD PLOTS AND COVER AREAS USED BY A MUCH LARGER POPULATION THAN THE 1 LICENSE ISSUED AND MAKING THOSE BUCK TAGS ENSURES NO IMPACT ON OVERALL POPULATION. ONE POSSIBLE VARIATION ON MINIMUM ACRES MIGHT BE TO REQUIRE SOME DEER HABITAT ON THE LAND. FOR EXAMPLE A SHELTERBELT, SLOUGH OR FOOD PLOT WOULD QUALIFY WHILE A BARE 160 ACRES WOULD NOT. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE CONSERVATION AND WORK TO

PREVENT THE HABITAT LOSS THAT IS TURNING SD INTO AN "AGRICULTURAL WASTELAND". WHERE I LIVE COYOTES ARE HAVING THE GREATEST IMPACT MANY DOES NO LONGER HAVE A FAWN WITH THEM COME FALL AND IT IS RARE TO SEE TWIN FAWNS AFTER MID SUMMER.

1882 IN THE PAST 11 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HUNT THE BLACK HILLS 3 TIMES AND IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED. WE CAMP IN A WALL TENT AND LIVE OFF THE LAND. NO PHONES, NO TECHNOLOGY, JUST LIVING.

1897 ELIMINATE THE GUARANTEED BUCK LICENSE OPTION FOR LANDOWNERS. THEY DON'T HUNT THEIR OWN LAND ANYWAY; AND IT IS TOO HARD FOR CO'S TO PATROL THIS OVER LARGE COUNTIES.

1903 HELLO SDGFP,

I AM GOING TO WRITE YOU BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE HUNTING DEER AND APPLY FOR LICENSES FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS. THE APPROACH I SEE CONCERNING CHANGING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DEER HUNTING IS A DIRECT RESULT OF SEVERAL FACTORS. FIRST, WHATEVER IS DONE, IT WILL BE A REACTIONARY MOVE. IN RECENT YEARS IT SEEMS THAT THE GFP ONLY REACTS AND HAS LOST SOME TRUST DUE TO RECENT MISTAKES (MY OPINION) CONCERNING LIONS AND MISREPRESENTING PHEASANT NUMBERS. SECOND, I BELIEVE MOST HUNTERS HAVE BEGUN APPLYING FOR LANDOWNER PERMITS AND MULTIPLE PERMITS AS A RESULT OF NOT GETTING TAGS FOR MULTIPLE YEARS OR NOT BEING AWARDED TAGS IN THEIR PRIMARY HUNT AREA. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE GFP GOAL FOR SD DEER HERDS IS DIVIDED BETWEEN SEVERAL FACTORS DENSITY CONTROL, TROPHY AREA BUILDING, AND HUNTER SATISFACTION. I NORMALLY APPLY FOR 2-4 DEER TAGS ANY GIVEN YEAR. I HAVE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS ONLY BEEN AWARDED TWO TAGS AT ONCE ONE TIME. THAT TAG IS BASED ON LANDOWNER PREFERENCE AND BASICALLY GUARANTEED. I HAVE NOT, IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BEEN AWARDED A TAG IN MY PRIMARY HUNT AREA, THE BLACK HILLS. IN FACT I HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED A TAG IN THAT AREA MORE THAN TWICE IN 16 YEARS. I ADMITTEDLY DID NOT APPLY FOR TAGS FOR SEVERAL OF THOSE YEARS DUE TO TIME OR FRUSTRATION. I PERSONALLY KNOW SEVERAL HUNTERS THAT HUNT DURING THE ARCHERY SEASON BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY TAG THEY CAN GET FROM YEAR TO YEAR. ANYWAY THE POINT OF THIS TIRADE IS THAT NO MATTER WHAT IS DONE TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM YOU SEE (I DON'T HAVE THE DEER POPULATION DATA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS VIEWED AS THE PROBLEM WITH THE HERD) DEER HUNTERS WILL BE UPSET. PLEASE, GIVE US THE GOAL OF WHATEVER CHANGES YOU MAKE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHANGES. THEN WHEN THE GOAL IS REACHED, ACTUALLY ISSUE MORE TAGS OR MODIFY THE SYSTEM ACCORDINGLY. DON'T TAKE TOO LONG AND THEN BE FORCED TO REACT AGAIN.

REGARDS.

1905 [archery buck license quota] I HAVE APPLIED EVERY YEAR AND RECEIVED A TAG EVERY YEAR. I HAVE NOT SHOT A BUCK YET AND I STARTED ARCHERY HUNTING 6 YEARS AGO. [landowner preference] I THINK THE LANDOWNERS OF SD PAY THE TAXES, OPERATE THE LAND, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO HUNT THEIR

PROPERTY SO HOW EVERY MANY TAGS IT TAKES TO FILL THIS NEED IS NECESSARY.

- 1910 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ANY DEER TAGS NON USED IN SEASON GO BACK TO ANTLERLESS AT LATER DATE.
- 1915 THOSE WHO APPLY FOR 4-5 TAGS ACROSS THE BOARD SHOULD BE LIMITED. THE FISHING LICENSE AND THE NUMBER TAKEN SHOULD BE LOOKED AT MORE SO THAN THE DEER. THERE IS SOME OF THE THINGS I NOTICE, DRY LAKE BY WILLOW LAKE I HAVE FISHED FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. THERE SHOULD BE 4-6 BOATS AT AN AVERAGE. WE COULD CATCH 18 INCH WALLEYE ANY TIME WE WENT THERE. WE NEVER TOOK HOME A FISH OVER 18-20 INCH. THE PAST 4-5 YEARS WE HAVE HAD AN EXPLOSION OF OUT OF STATE FISHERMEN. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER THE BOAT COUNT ON DRY LAKE HAS BEEN OVER 200 PER DAY AND 1/2 OF THOSE ARE OUT OF STATE. MOST OF YOUR VIOLATIONS FOR LIMITS OVERBAGGING ARE THOSE PEOPLE. NOT SOUTH DAKOTA THERE HAS BEEN 4-5 FIGHTS AT THE RAMP THIS YEAR I KNOW OF - ALL OUT OF STATE. WE NEED TO LIMIT THOSE PEOPLE TO 2 FISH A DAY AND A BIG INCREASE IN LICENSE COST. THEN THEY WOULD NOT DRIVE 4-500 MILES TO FISH OUR LAKES OUT OF THE FLANDREAU DAM IN THE SPRING BEFORE THE MINN OPEING DAY ALSO IS 3/4 OUT OF STATE AND ELBOW TO ELBOW. THE BAIT SHOPS ARE THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS AND THERE INTERNET FOR THEY ARE BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM. EVEN THE FISHING GUIDES ARE BRINGING PEOPLE TO DRY LAKE FROM THE RIVER. THE GFP CAN DO SOMEHTING BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. PS 200 BOATS 3 TO BOAT - 600 X 4 FISH = 2400 PER DAY THERE IS NO WAY THIS CAN KEEP UP.
- 1920 TOO MANY PEOPLE CHEAT ON THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. IE, OFF FARM CHILDREN, ETC. ALSO, 160 ACRES DOESN'T HARDLY SEEM RIGHT IN THIS DAY AND AGE.
- 1923 I HAVE A SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW WHO HAVE BOUGHT A TWENTY ACRE BUILDING SITE. THEY HAVE CATTLE AND SHEEP AND RENT PASTURES IN OTHER COUNTIES, BUT DO NOT QUALIFY AS LANDOWNERS BECAUSE OF NOT ALL BEING IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THEY APPLY FOR. THEY WILL PROBABLY SOME DAY TAKE OVER MY DAD'S FARM WHICH CONSISTS OF 1200 ACRES OWNED AND 480 ACRES OF RENTED PASTURE. THEY HELP WITH THE FARM WORK BUT GFP SAYS THEY ONLY ARE CONSIDERED "HIRED HANDS" AND DO NOT QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I THINK THAT THEY SHOULD QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE! FINANCIALLY IT WILL TAKE A WHILE FOR THEM TO GET ENOUGH LAND TO QUALIFY AND VERY LITTLE LAND COMES UP FOR RENT. ALSO IN OUR AREA DEER TAG NUMBERS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CUT AS MANY OR EVEN MORE DEER THAN NORMAL.
- 1927 [expectation to draw] AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS WEST RIVER. OTHER EVERY YEAR EAST RIVER FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE
- 1930 I THINK IN ALL SEASONS JUST NOT DEER THAT THOSE WITH THE MOST PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD GET TAGS BEFORE THOSE WITH LESS POINTS. I KNOW PEOPLE WHOM HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN FOR CERTAIN TAGS AND HAVE ALMOST 20 YEARS PREFERENCE AND OTHERS THAT HAVE VERY FEW POINTS

AND DRAW. I THINK THAT IS TRULY UNFAIR IN ANY OF THE BIG GAME SEASONS.

- 1937 RESEARCH.....HOW MANY BIG GAME BIOLOGISTS DOES SDGFP HAVE? TAKE A LOOK AT HOW OUR NEIGHBOR, WYOMING, MANAGES THEIR BIG GAME. WE NEED TO STOP MANAGING OUR WILDLIFE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. WE NEED MORE RESEARCH AND MORE LONG-TERM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS. NOT WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WANTS, TOURISM, OR THE SHORT-TERM INSIGHT FROM WHOEVER HOLDS THE SDGFP SECRETARY POSITION. THANK YOU.
- 1938 I THINK NOW WITH LESS DEER AVAILABLE FOR HUNTERS, LESS LICENSES SHOULD BE ISSUED. I KNOW OF PEOPLE WHO GET LICENSES WHERE THEY CAN GET UP TO 4 OR SO DEER. OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO FILL ALL THEIR TAGS. TOO MANY DEER ARE TAKEN ILLEGALLY OR ARE SHOT ON LAND THE HUNTER HAS NO PERMISSION. THEN TRESPASSING IS BECOMING A BIG ISSUE. I KNOW NUMBERS ARE DOWN DRAMATICALLY! LESS DOES NEED TO BE TAKEN TO BUILD UP OUR DEER NUMBERS. WHERE THE STATE NOW HAS, IF A HUNTER DOES NOT FILL HIS LICENSE TURNS INTO A DOE TAG. THIS SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. OUR DEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN SO STOP ISSUING SO MANY TAGS ESPECIALLY FOR DOES.
- 1939 IN REGARDS TO THE QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER A PERSON WITH AN ARCHERY LICENSE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE 2ND DRAW OF THE FIREARMS SEASON IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. ACCORDING TO YOUR STATISTICS, ARCHERY APPLICANTS WERE ONLY 22% OF THE TOTAL APPLICANTS BETWEEN ARCHERY & FIREARMS, & HARVESTED ONLY 15% OF THE DEER. ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM, & ANYONE WHO HAS EVER ARCHERY HUNTED KNOWS IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT TO HARVEST A DEER VS. WITH A FIREARM. TYPICALLY, THE PEOPLE WHO ARCHERY HUNT ARE GENERALLY FAIR CHASE HUNTERS WHICH CAN'T BE SAID FOR A LOT OF FIREARMS HUNTERS IN SD. THEREFORE, PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ARCHERY HUNT, NOT DISCOURAGED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A FIREARM LICENSE.

IN REGARDS TO THE QUESTION ABOUT A PROCESS THAT WOULD INCREASE A RESIDENT'S CHANCES OR DRAWING A LICENSE, BUT LIMITING OTHER HUNTERS, I'M NOT FOLLOWING HOW THAT WOULD WORK. SO IF I APPLY FOR AN EAST RIVER TAG, & ALSO A WEST RIVER TAG EVERY YEAR, WITH THIS PROPOSED CHANGE IF I DREW THE WEST RIVER TAG (DRAWING WOULD BE BEFORE EAST RIVER), THEN I MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EAST RIVER TAG IN THE COUNTY I LIVE IN UNTIL AFTER THE 2ND OR 3RD DRAWING?? THAT MAKES NO SENSE, & IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. SOME COUNTIES IN SD HAVE LEFTOVER TAGS AFTER THE 1ST DRAW EVERY YEAR, & SOME COUNTIES NEVER DO. IT MAY HELP SOME COUNTIES, BUT WOULD CERTAINLY HURT SOME COUNTIES SO WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT IN IMPLEMENTING SOMETHING THAT WOULD PRODUCE THOSE RESULTS?

LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT ANTELOPE SEASONS IN SD (I KNOW THIS IS A DEER SURVEY). I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED I AM IN THE SD DEPT OF GAME, FISH, & PARKS IN REGARDS TO

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ANTELOPE IN THIS STATE OVER THE PAST 5-7 YEARS. WITH THE TOUGH WINTERS WE HAD A FEW YEARS AGO, MANY OF THE WEST RIVER ANTELOPE HERDS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED NEGATIVELY. I HAVE ARCHERY HUNTED ANTELOPE FOR MANY YEARS AS IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE HUNTS. HOWEVER, OVER THE PAST 3-4 YEARS, I HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO HUNT THEM BECAUSE THE POPULATION IS SO LOW. TAKE DEWEY COUNTY & ITS SURROUNDING COUNTIES FOR EXAMPLE. THOSE COUNTIES WERE HIT VERY HARD BY THE REDUCTION IN THE ANTELOPE NUMBERS CAUSED BY THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER, YET THE GFP WAS ISSUING SEVERAL HUNDRED TAGS EVERY YEAR IN EACH OF THOSE COUNTIES. THERE WEREN'T EVEN 100 ANTELOPE TOTAL IN DEWEY COUNTY 2 YEARS AGO!! HOW IN THE WORLD CAN YOU GUYS ISSUE MORE TAGS THAN THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE ANIMAL?? WHEN THIS SAME ISSUE HAPPENED IN NORTH DAKOTA, THEY SIMPLY SHUT DOWN THE SEASON FOR 2 YEARS UNTIL THE HERDS WERE ABLE TO MAKE A COMEBACK. WHY HASN'T SD DONE THE SAME THING? PRIORITY #1 OF THE SD GF&P IN MY OPINION SHOULD BE TO PROTECT THE WILDLIFE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

- 1942 I THINK PEOPLE IN THEIR COUNTY SHOULD GET FIRST CHANCE AT ALL TAGS INSTEAD OF PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTIES. THEY SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR 2ND AND 3RD DRAW.
- 1946 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 1951 FOR FALL RIVER COUNTY THE GFP SHOULD REALLY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OF ELIMINATING THE BUCK SEASON ALTOGETHER FOR THE UPCOMING 2015 SEASON. DUE TO CWD AND WINTER STORM ATLAS, THE DEER POPULATION IS SERIOUSLY DECREASED. WE DID HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD SIZED BUCKS COMING UP THAT ARE ALL GONE, WITH ALL THE IDIOTS AND CITY HUNTERS THAT COME TO OUR COUNTY AND SHOOT ALL THE LITTLE BUCKS JUST TO SAY THAT THEY GOT HORNS IT WILL TAKE YEARS AND YEARS TO GET OUR BIG BUCKS BACK. I HAVE HEARD THE CENSUS NUMBERS ON YOUR DEER COUNT AND I DO NOT AGREE WITH THEM, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THE NUMBERS ON THE COPE RANCH AND I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THIS NUMBER IS BOGUS AND EXAGGERATED TOTALLY OUT OF PROPORTION. IF YOU WANT TO GET ACCURATE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO TALK AND COMMUNICATE WITH LANDOWNERS A WHOLE LOT MORE AND MORE CONSISTENTLY.
- 1952 ACREAGE OWNED OR OPERATED SHOULD EQUAL A HALF SECTION. LANDOWNER/OPERATORS FEED AND "HOUSE" THE DEER FOR A YEAR BEFORE GFP GETS PAID FOR OTHERS TO SHOOT THEM. DON'T TAKE LANDOWNER NUMBERS AND DECREASE THEM.
- 1953 I STRONGLY SUPPORT A DRAW SYSTEM FOR BOW HUNTERS. PEOPLE SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED 1 LICENSE EITHER BOW OR FIREARM.
- 1969 I HAVE GOTTEN SPOILED BY GETTING ARCHERY TAGS EVERY YEAR, GENERALLY BOTH AN EAST AND WEST RIVER TAG. I DON'T GENERALLY GET A DEER TO FILL BOTH, OFTEN NOT FOR EITHER TAG. BUT IT SURE WOULDN'T UPSET ME TO LIMIT THOSE NUMBERS AND POSSIBLY ONLY BE ABLE TO APPLY IN A FIRST DRAWING FOR ONE BUCK TAG, NOT BOTH. I SUPPORT YOUR

EFFORTS TO ALLOW MORE HUNTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BUCK TAG SOMEWHERE. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR EFFORTS.

- 1971 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR AS A LANDOWNER. DEER ARE ALMOST NONEXISTENT THIS YEAR!
- 1988 THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE DEER. WHY IS THE NUMBER OF LICENSES SO LOW IN BEADLE COUNTY?
- 2007 FOR STARTERS THE EXTENDED ANTLERLESS SEASONS SHOULD BE STOPPED SEVERAL BUCKS GET SHOT BECAUSE SOME HAVE ALREADY LOST THERE HORNS AT THIS TIME AND ARE THOUGHT TO BE DOES. THE DEER NUMBERS IN SOUTHERN BROWN COUNTIES ARE EXTREMELY LOW. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HUNTERS AND NUMBERS TO GO BACK TO A 1 WEEK SEASON LIKE BACK IN THE MID 1980'S FOR A COUPLE YEARS. AND LASTLY IF SOMEONE APPLIES FOR AN ARCHERY TAG AND GETS IT (ANY DEER) THEY SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO GET 1 ANY DEER TAG FOR EITHER OF THE FIREARMS SEASON'S AVAILABLE.
- 2008 I THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE DRAW. I KNOW MORE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING A LICENSE BUT THE LANDOWNER IS BASICALLY FEEDING THE DEER, PUTTING UP WITH TRESPASSERS, REPAIRING FENCES AND SO ON. IT'S NOT A PERFECT SYSTEM BUT WITH A FEW TWEAKS IT CAN BE BETTER.
- 2016 THERE ARE WAY MORE DEER IN UNION CO. THAN YOU GAVE OUT LICENSES, I FARM NEXT TO BOTH RIVERS NUMBERS ARE VERY HIGH,,,,
- 2021 LANDOWNER OPERATORS ARE THE MAIN SOURCE OF OUR WILDLIFE. DO NOT MESS WITH THEM! MY OWN EXPERIENCE: OPERATED AND OWNED 400-600 ACRES FOR 30+ YEARS, 30 TO 150 ACRES OF CRP THAT PERIOD, PEOPLE FROM MITCHELL CALLED AND REPORTED WATCHING DEER 100+ SOME EVENING LEFT 20-30 ACRES OF CORN IN CRP EACH YEAR. TURKEY PLANTED HERE THE 1ST YEAR FOR EASTERNS, LAST YEAR COUNTED 190 BIRDS AT ONE TIME IN 30 ACRE FIELD, THIS SPRING 30 NOT ENOUGH FEED FOR DEER OR BIRDS, AREA HAS ALMOST 200 ACRES OF CRP. VERY FEW PHEASANTS AND DEER AND TURKEY NUMBERS ALL DOWN. HUNTED 30 YEARS - NO LICENSE THIS YEAR. DAUGHTER, GRAND DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER IN LAW ALL HUNTED WITH ME LAST YEAR. 4 DEER (1 BUCK AND 3 DOE) IN 1/2 HOUR ON THE OPENER. I'M 80 YEARS OLD AND ENJOYED EVERY YEAR ON THE FAMILY HUNT. I WILL MISS THIS YEAR. DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWERS BUT BEEL WE NEED A BALANCE OF FEED AND COVER. WHEN WE OWNED THE PROPERTY WE SHARED WITH AS MANY AS HUNTERS MOST OF THEM [...] HUNTERS. THE LAST FEW YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AS FEW AS 80 TO 140 ACRES OF CORN ON THE 800 ACRES TRACT.
- 2023 I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS FAIR TO GIVE LANDOWNERS 50% OF THE LICENSES JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN OR FARM THE LAND, THEY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE SOMEONE FROM TOWN GETS, AFTER ALL THE FARMER/LANDOWNER IS GUARANTEED A LICENSE EVEN IF THEY DON'T DRAW A TAG. (BY THE WAY I FALL IN BOTH CATEGORIES OWNER AND FARMER)

- 2028 THIS IS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND I AM PLEASED THAT MUCH THOUGHT WENT INTO THE QUESTIONS! I DO THINK THAT, DEPENDING ON DEMAND AND POPULATIONS EVERYONE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ONE BUCK LICENSES/YEAR. LANDOWNERS DO THE MAJORITY OF "FEEDING THE HERD" SO THEY PROBABLY SHOULD RETAIN A BETTER SHOT AT A BUCK TAG. I ASSUME OUT OF STATE HUNTERS HAVE NO CHANCE AT A BUCK TAG.
- 2029 I FEEL THAT THE LANDOWNERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR LICENSING SYSTEM. I KNOW OF TWO LANDOWNERS THAT DREW FOUR TAGS IN TWO DIFFERENT SEASONS (TOTAL OF 8 TAGS) FOR EACH FAMILY, WHILE I DIDN'T DRAW ONE TO FEED MY FAMILY. THE RELATIVES OF THESE LANDOWNERS LIVE IN TOWN AND NEVER WORK THE PLACE BUT STILL RECEIVED TAGS AS A LANDOWNER. THE INCOME OFF THESE FARMS IS MINIMAL BUT NEVER CHECKED TO SEE IF THEY ARE TRULY ELIGIBLE. I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 25 YEARS ... OWN 24 ACRES... PAY A LOT OF TAXES AND SUPPORT THE WILDLIFE. PLEASE REVIEW THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TELL MY SIDE OF THE ISSUE....
- 2037 LANDOWNER/OPERATORS SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE PREFERENCE OVER NON LANDOWNER/OPERATORS. I DON'T BELIEVE A LAND OWNER/OPERATOR SHOULD EVER BE LIMITED ON TAGS OR HAVE TO CHOOSE WHICH TAG THEY PREFER. THEY ARE THE ONES, WHETHER THEY HUNT OR NOT, THAT GROW THE FEED AND HAVE TIME, MONEY, AND OTHER RESOURCES INVESTED. ALSO, CHANCES ARE THAT A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR HAS LAND TO HUNT AND WILL BE LEAST LIKELY TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY LAWS. GUARANTEED LANDOWNER TAGS ARE NICE, BUT DO LIMIT OPPORTUNITIES TO OWNED OR OPERATE LAND. THE REDUCED PRICE IS NICE, BUT IS VERY MINIMAL IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS. THERE IS NO REASON THAT TAGS COST FARMERS, OR LANDOWNER/OPERATORS, THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE AND THERE IS ALSO NO REASON THAT TAGS ARE AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION. FOR NON-LANDOWNER/OPERATORS, LOWER THE PERCENTAGE OF TAGS OR CHARGE THEM MORE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SKIN IN THE GAME, THEY JUST HUNT.
- 2048 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 2051 IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN THE NUMBERS ARE DOWN IN HUNTING AND FISHING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LIMIT LICENSES ISSUED. LET'S NOT STRIP OUR STATE OF HUNTING AND FISHING FOR THE SAKE OF THE MIGHTY DOLLAR. WE MAY NEED TO BUILD BACK UP THE NUMBERS THAT WE HAD A FEW YEARS AGO.
- 2069 I OWN AN EAST RIVER FARM WITH A LOT OF HABITAT. I VIEW ALL THE MANY DEER SEASONS AND THE LENGTHY PERIOD THEY ARE OPEN AS THE WORST TIME OF YEAR. UNETHICAL AND ILLEGAL BEHAVIORS ARE RAMPANT DURING DEER SEASON. THIS PROBLEM NEEDS TO BE REDUCED, AND A FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF TAGS MIGHT HELP. I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: 1) ALLOW LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE QUALITY DEER HABITAT (SUCH AS 30 ACRES OR MORE OF WAIST HIGH OR TALLER GRASS OR 5 ACRES OR MORE OF DENSE WOODY COVER COMBINED WITH 25 OR MORE ACRES OF TALL GRASS) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DURING RIFLE SEASON (NOT

ELIGIBLE - RIGHT OF WAY HABITAT, PASTURED GRASSLAND AND HAYED LAND). THERE IS NO GOOD REASON TO GIVE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF TAGS TO FARM OWNERS/OPERATORS WHO HAVE MANY QUARTERS OF AND (160-ACRE TRACTS) - BUT NO HABITAT - WHILE DENYING PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE BENEFICIAL HABITAT JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN LESS THAN 160 ACRES. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SMALL-TRACT HABITAT OWNERS WHO ARE DO MORE FOR WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION THAN LARGER LANDOWNERS. THIS IDEA IS ONE WAY TO MORE FAIRLY DISTRIBUTE AVAILABLE DEER TAGS. HABITAT PRESENCE AND QUALITY CAN EASILY BE CONFIRMED BY CONSERVATION OFFICERS PRIOR TO, OR DURING, HUNTING SEASON. THE SIZE OF MY FARM ALREADY QUALIFIES ME FOR A TAG EVERY YEAR, SO THIS IDEA DOES NOT APPLY TO ME. 2) CREATE A RULE THAT REQUIRES ANYONE CLAIMING A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE POINT DURING THE REGULAR TAG DRAWING TO OWN/OPERATE A PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 30 ACRES OF HIGH-QUALITY GRASS AND/OR 5 ACRES OF QUALITY WOOD COVER PLUS 25 OR MORE ACRES OF TALL GRASS (NOT ELIGIBLE - RIGHT OF WAY HABITAT, PASTURED GRASSLAND AND HAYED LAND). ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO USE A GIVEN PROPERTY TO CLAIM A PREFERENCE POINT. WE SHOULD DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF REWARDING LANDOWNERS WHO OWN/OPERATE A LOT OF LAND, BUT WHO HAVE NO HABITAT AND DO LITTLE OR NOTHING FOR WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION. WE SHOULD ALSO DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF AWARDED MULTIPLE TAGS TO OPERATORS WHO OWN A LOT OF LAND AND HAVE MANY FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT DO NOTHING FOR WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION. THE BOTTOM LINE: PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT TO USE LAND TO MAKE MONEY SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY SPECIAL ENTITLEMENTS DURING HUNTING SEASON. I REALIZE THIS MAY BE A POLITICALLY CHALLENGING IDEA TO CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT, BUT I AM BASICALLY PROPOSING THAT THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM BE CHANGED TO A CONSERVATION PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM. IF SUCCESSFUL, OVER TIME THIS IDEA WOULD HELP IMPROVE AWARENESS OF CONSERVATION NEEDS/BENEFITS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES, WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MANY GAME AND NON-GAME WILDLIFE SPECIES, NOT JUST DEER. 3) CREATE A RULE THAT REQUIRES ANYONE CLAIMING A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE POINT DURING THE REGULAR TAG DRAWING TO LIMIT THEIR HUNTING TO LAND THEY OWN AND/OR OPERATE (SIMILAR TO LANDOWNER ANY DEER TAGS). IN MY OPINION, IT DOES NOT WORK TO AWARD TAGS TO 'LANDOWNERS' AND GIVEN THEM FREE RANGE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, WHEN THAT FREEDOM BECOMES A CATALYST FOR ROAD HUNTING FOR THEIR DEER, HARASSING PROPERTIES WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO HUNT, AND OTHER UNETHICAL/ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR. PROPERTIES WHERE A PERSON IS GOING TO HUNT CAN BE DOCUMENTED AT APPLICATION TIME AND LATER VERIFIED BY THE CONSERVATION OFFICER. 4) COMBINE MUZZLELOADER AND RIFLE SEASON INTO ONE SEASON, AND CALL IT 'FIREARM SEASON' OR A SIMILAR APPROPRIATE NAME. MODERN MUZZLELOADERS ARE EFFECTIVE POWERFUL WEAPONS. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO HUNT WITH THAT TYPE OF WEAPON, LET IT BE THEIR CHOICE. EITHER WAY, CREATE A SINGLE 'FIREARM' DEER HUNTING SEASON THAT IS CONCLUDED IN 16 DAYS, INSTEAD OF HOLDING MULTIPLE SEASONS THAT STRETCH OUT FOR TWO MONTHS. MY REASONS: (A) A SINGLE 'FIREARM ANY DEER' TAG IS A GOOD WAY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BUCKS THAT A HUNTER CAN SHOOT (ARCHERY ASIDE) TO JUST ONE, AND (B) TWO MONTHS IS TOO MUCH TIME FOR

LANDOWNERS WITH HABITAT TO HAVE TO DEFEND THEIR LAND AGAINST THE CONSTANT ROAD HUNTER HARASSMENT THAT OCCURS EVERY YEAR. WHERE I LIVE, VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE MOTIVATED TO SIT IN OR WALK IN DEEP SNOW DURING THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER OF DECEMBER/JANUARY, WHICH MAKES LEGAL MUZZLELOADER HUNTING LESS APPEALING AND LESS LIKELY. A MUZZLELOADER TAG IS JUST ANOTHER EXCUSE FOR UNETHICAL PEOPLE TO HUNT USING VEHICLES, SHOOT OUT THEIR WINDOW, HUNT WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN BAD BEHAVIOR. IN YEARS WHEN GF&P DETERMINES THE DEER POPULATION IS TOO HIGH, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO REDUCE THE POPULATION THAN TO HAVE ALL THESE SEASONS THAT DRAG OUT FOR TWO MONTHS. 5) ALLOW HUNTERS TO CHOOSE WHETHER THEY WILL PURSUE THEIR BUCK WITH A BOW OR WITH A FIREARM, BUT NOT BOTH. I.E., GETTING AN ARCHERY ANY DEER TAG MEANS THAT PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO HUNT BUCKS WITH A RIFLE OR MUZZLELOADER THAT YEAR, OR VICE VERSA. THIS MIGHT FACILITATE FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF BUCK HUNTING OPPORTUNITY. 6) ONLY ALLOW ELIGIBILITY FOR BUCK HUNTING EVERY OTHER YEAR. I.E., AN 'ANY DEER' TAG THIS YEAR MEANS NO 'ANY DEER' TAG OF ANY KIND NEXT YEAR, REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS THIS YEAR...AND THIS WOULD INCLUDE LANDOWNERS. THIS MIGHT ALSO FACILITATE FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF BUCK HUNTING OPPORTUNITY. ONE EXCEPTION OR EXEMPTION TO THIS RULE COULD BE LANDOWNERS WHO OWN 160 OR MORE ACRES OF QUALITY WILDLIFE HABITAT. 7) I KNOW THIS SURVEY IS ABOUT TAG ALLOCATION, BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR GF&P AND THE LEGISLATURE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING A RULE THAT DOES NOT ALLOW ANYONE WITHIN 50 YARDS OF A MOTORIZED VEHICLE (PICKUP TRUCK, CAR, TRACTOR, ATV, OR WHATEVER) TO SHOOT AT BIG GAME. AS I ALREADY INDICATED, THERE CONTINUES TO BE TOO MUCH UNETHICAL AND ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR BY PEOPLE WHO HUNT FROM VEHICLES AND THIS IS ONE WAY TO REDUCE SUCH BEHAVIOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2071 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

2078 I THINK THAT LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE GUARANTEED A TAG BECAUSE THE DEER ARE ON THEIR LAND. ALSO, HUNTERS WHO DO NOT OWN LAND TO HUNT ON ARE THE ONES WHO ARE POACHING DEER OFF OF LAND AND OVERALL ARE MORE ILLEGAL HUNTERS.

2082 [fairness of current system] IT SHOULD NOT BE HARDER TO GET AN "ANY" DEER (MULE DEER) TAG IN THE BLACK HILLS, THAN TO DRAW AN ELK TAG. FOR THE BLACK HILLS DRAW - IF YOU CHOOSE "ANY DEER" AS 1ST CHOICE, THERE ARE 400 TAGS AND YOU'RE DRAWN #401, YOU SHOULD GET YOUR 2ND CHOICE THEN, NOT GO BACK INTO THE DRAW AFTER ALL 1ST CHOICES ARE DRAWN. MAKES ZERO SENSE TO EVEN OFFER THE 2ND CHOICE. EXAMPLE: MY HUSBAND WAITED 9 YEARS FOR THE ANY DEER TAG, FINALLY DREW LAST YEAR, AND NEVER GOT TO HUNT AT ALL DUE TO OUR TRYING TO RECOVER FROM STORM "ATLAS". DRAW SEPARATELY FOR "ANY" OR "ANY WHITETAIL" DEER IN THE HILLS. ELIMINATE THE PAY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR DEER (IF ADDITIONAL REVENUE IS NEEDED INCREASE NON-RESIDENT FEES LIKE THE SURROUNDING STATES). TOO MANY DEER TAGS ARE BEING ISSUED IN UNIT 49A. WE ARE LANDOWNERS AND PURCHASE TAGS JUST TO KEEP ALL THE ANIMALS FROM BEING ELIMINATED. WE LEAVE OUR TAGS UNUSED.

- 2090 TO BE A LANDOWNER YOU SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE ON, OWN, AND/OR OPERATE. TOO MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN A TOWN, OWN LAND THEY MAY NEVER SEE OUTSIDE OF HUNTING SEASON. THEY BUY THE LAND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HUNTING. IT USE TO BE IF YOU JUST ASKED, YOU COULD HUNT ANYWHERE. NOW PEOPLE THINK THEY NEED TO BUY FARMLAND TO GET A PLACE TO HUNT FUNNY HOW MONEY RUINS EVERYTHING. THINK ABOUT THE CHANGES YOU MAKE IN YOUR DECISION MAKING IS IT THE DOLLAR OR A HUNTERS BEST INTEREST IN MIND. GOOD LUCK
- 2092 [landowner preference] WE FEED THEM AND PUT UP WITH THEM AND YOU GET THE MONEY. LIONS LAST YEAR WE FOUND 3 ELK KILLS AND 2 DEER KILLS BY LIONS AROUND OUR HAY GROUND IN THE SOUTHERN HILLS. 4 YEARS AGO WE HAD 40-50 HEAD OF ELK AROUND HERE AND A FAIR NUMBER OF CALVES. THROUGH ATTRITION AND LIONS EATING CALVES THE NUMBERS ARE WAY DOWN. ANSWER THE AREA FROM WIND CAVE PARK TO THE CHEYENNE RIVER MUST BE TREATED LIKE THE REST OF THE STATE OUTSIDE THE BLACK HILLS. WE DON'T GET SNOW TO HUNT. KILL LIONS YEAR ROUND.
- 2107 THE BIGGEST THING GF&P NEEDS TO DO IS A BETTER JOB OF KNOWING WHAT DEER ARE OUT HERE. YOU REDUCED LICENSES IN JONES COUNTY WAY TOO MUCH BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DEER HERE. ONLY OTHER IMPROVEMENT IS TOO GO BACK TO HAVING BUCK TAGS CHANGE TO ANTLERLESS FOR LATER REOPENING. WE HAVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WHITETAIL DOES IF WE WANT A HEALTHY DEER POPULATION.
- 2109 READ THIS AND HELP THE DEER IN THE COUNTY. BECAUSE THE DEER LICENSE IN THE COUNTY OF HANSON AND DAVISON ALL BE CLOSED FOR 3 YEAR OR MORE, BECAUSE THERE IS NO DEER IN THE COUNTY LOOK AT LAWS IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY JUST 5 LICENSES FOR THE COUNTY, AND THIS FROM A LANDOWNER, THAT I HUNTED FOR A LOT OF YEARS, AND NOT FOR MONEY THE FARMER FEED THE DEER OR LANDOWNERS.
- 2115 [archery buck license quota] ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE BECOME TO SUCCESSFUL. [archery firearm restriction] JUST PUT A QUOTA ON ARCHERY. [landowner preference] TAKE CARE OF THE GUYS TAKING CARE OF YOUR DEER ALL YEAR. 500 ACRE MINIMUM.
- 2119 LANDOWNERS GET TAGS IN THEIR COUNTY EVERY YEAR. I LIVE IN DAY COUNTY. I HATE WHEN I SEE SIOUX FALLS HUNTERS ALL OVER DAY COUNTY. DAY COUNTY HUNTERS GET TURNED DOWN SO SOME [expletive deleted] FROM SOUTHERN SD CAN COME UP AND HUNT.
- 2130 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR BECAUSE OF LANDOWNER
- 2136 KEEP THE LANDOWNER TAGS AT 50% AND PLEASE KEEP THE TAGS DOWN DUE TO THE DEER POPULATION IS VERY LOW. WE "HUNTERS" ONLY NEED TO SHOOT ONE BUCK A YEAR, NOT 6
- 2150 I DON'T OWN 1100 ACRES OF LAND, BUT MY FATHER AND GRANDFATHER DO. THIS IS WHERE I HUNT.

- 2152 LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE FOR ANY LAND EAST RIVER OR WEST RIVER AND BE ANY DEER LIMIT OF ONE LICENSE
- 2153 I THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO OWN THEIR LAND TO BE ELIGIBLE NOT JUST OPERATE IT, 10,000 ACRES OR MORE. ALSO, ANY PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR ANY LICENSE NOT JUST ONE OR TWO - I HUNT BOTH EAST AND WEST RIVER DEER. IT'S FINE TO ONLY DRAW EVERY 2 YEARS BUT NOT BEING ABLE TO APPLY IS CRAZY!
- 2160 I FEEL FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE A PREFERENCE IN OBTAINING LICENSES. WITHOUT THEM ANY HUNTING WOULD BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. THANKS FOR THE CHANCE TO COMMENT.
- 2162 DOE LICENSES SHOULD BE ON A QUOTA AND BE AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER SIMILAR TO THE MOUNTAIN LION SEASON. THIS WOULD INCREASE THE AMOUNT REVENUE FOR THE STATE BY BRINGING IN MANY OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL DRAWING APPLICANTS WHO WANT TO COME WITH HUNTING BUDDIES. IT WOULD ALSO HELP WITH KEEPING OUR DOE POPULATION IN CHECK. DRAWINGS WOULD BE FOR THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS IN EACH AVAILABLE SEASON, BUT HUNTERS CAN ONLY CHOOSE A FIRST CHOICE AND POSSIBLY A SECOND CHOICE IN ONLY ONE FIREARM SEASON. ARCHERY WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS CURRENTLY OFFERED AS THE SUCCESS RATE IS VERY LIMITED. PREFERENCE POINTS WOULD STILL BE IN EFFECT TO INCREASE ODDS FOR UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN THEIR FIRST CHOICE. AN OPTION FOR GAME AND FISH TO OFFSET LOSSES IN REVENUE WHEN FEWER LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN DEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN IS TO MAKE ABOUT 10 NON-RESIDENT BUCK ONLY TAGS AVAILABLE ON SEALED BIDS (ONE PER BIDDER).
- 2167 THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WHEN ONLY 30% OF THOSE THAT DRAW A MUZZLELOADER TAG FILL THE TAG WITH A BUCK. THE SEASON IS THE ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER. RAISE THE PRICE OF THE MUZZLELOADER TAG SO THOSE THAT APPLY FOR IT WILL VALUE IT AND USE IT AND FILL THE TAG. WE ALSO NEED TO EXPAND AND ALLOW FOR MORE USE OF THE CROSSBOW TO THOSE THAT ARE NOT HANDICAPPED. HAS GF&P EVER CONSIDERED PROVIDING MEDICATED BAIT TO LANDOWNERS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE DEER HERD FROM EHD OR OTHER KILLER DISEASES?? I'VE PERSONALLY SPENT NEARLY \$30,000 IMPROVING DEER AND PHEASANT HABITAT ON MY FARM WITHOUT A PENNY OF GOV'T FUNDS - INCLUDING PLANTING OVER 3000 TREES. WHY NOT IMMUNIZE THE DEER HERD. MORE DEER MEANS THIS SURVEY ISSUE IS A NON-ISSUE.
- 2175 OVERALL, I THINK THE RECENT CUTBACKS IN THE NUMBER OF BLACK HILLS DEER LICENSES AND EAST RIVER LICENSES HAVE BEEN TOO SEVERE. THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THAT WE HAVE SPENT TIME IN THE BLACK HILLS HUNTING TURKEYS (WE DIDN'T DRAW DEER TAGS) WE'VE SEEN AN ABUNDANCE OF DEER DESPITE THE LOWER NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED. SAME THING DURING THE EAST RIVER DEER SEASON, THE LOWER NUMBER OF TAGS DOES NOT CORRESPOND VERY WELL TO THE DEER POPULATION. THE GF&P MAY NEED TO REEVALUATE THEIR METHODS OF MEASURING THE DEER

POPULATION FOR THE DIFFERENT HUNTING UNITS INSTEAD OF WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY CURRENTLY USE.

- 2183 KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS BUT SOME LIMITED LICENSES DO FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SHOULD NOT TAKE 8 YEARS TO GET A MUZZLELOADER TAG WHEN PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN THE TAG EVERY OTHER YEAR (4 TIMES) BEFORE I GET IT ONCE.
- 2186 I THINK SDGFP DOES A GREAT JOB AT WHAT AND HOW THEY DO THINGS. ON THE OTHER HAND, I STRONGLY OPPOSE ALL THE DEER TAGS (BUCK) TAGS GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY AND WANT NOTHING BUT A MOUNT ON THE WALL AND WE WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY HELP FARM AND PLANT THE CROPS EACH YEAR THAT ALL THESE DEER FEED ON ALL YEAR GET TURNED DOWN. I ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSE AN INDIVIDUAL BEING ABLE TO SHOOT 2,3,4 DEER A YEAR AND I'M TALKING (RIFLE) SEASON, THIS IS NOT NECESSARY. A FEW LIMITED THAT A [...] IT WOULD HELP A TON INSTEAD OF GIVING OUT LESS TAGS. I MEAN GIVE OUT TAGS LIKE YOU USED TO BUT LIMIT IT TO ONE TAG PER PERSON (BUCK OR DOE). I THINK THIS WOULD HELP OUT A LOT ON THE POPULATION VERSUS SO MANY PEOPLE GETTING TO SHOOT 2+ DEER A YEAR AND MOST GO WITHOUT A CHANCE TO SHOOT ONE.
- 2196 I TYPICALLY HUNT THE GRASSLANDS SOUTH OF PIERRE. THERE ARE NO MULE DEER LEFT COMPARED TO EVEN 4 YEARS AGO. I THINK THERE SHOULD BE NO RIFLE TAGS GIVEN FOR MULE DEER IN THAT UNIT UNTIL THE POPULATION HAS RECOVERED. IF SOMEONE WANTED TO SHOOT A MULE DEER YOU COULD STILL ALLOW MULE DEER TO BE HARVESTED IN THAT UNIT WITH AN ARCHERY TAG AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.
- 2203 IF WE ARE SO SHORT DEER AND DEER LICENSES IN SD WHY DO WE ALLOW OUT OF STATE HUNTERS TO HOLD DEER TAGS? YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SD RESIDENTS BEFORE WE CONSIDER GIVING IT AWAY TO OUT OF STATERS. WE PAY TAXES IN THIS STATE, THEY DO NOT. I ALSO FEEL THAT A LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE SOME ADVANTAGE OR SHOULD MAINTAIN AN ADVANTAGE AT GETTING A DEER LICENSE. WE HUNT OUR OWN GROUND AND DON'T TAKE AWAY FROM NON-LANDOWNERS BY HUNTING PUBLIC GROUND.
- 2214 DEER NUMBERS ARE THE LOWEST IN YEARS.
- 2215 [fairness of current system] I REALIZE YOU HAVE TO MAKE MONEY TOO SO THE NUMBER'S ARE UP TO YOU. [archery buck license quota] SHOULD LIMIT THIS AS YOUR TAGS SOLD TO DEER HARVESTED IS THE LOWEST. [increasing odds of drawing] THE MORE PEOPLE WITH TAGS MEANS THE MORE PEOPLE TRAVELING, BUYING GAS, FOOD, MOTELS, SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY IN RURAL AREAS. [landowner preference] I HAVE NEVER NOT GOT A LICENSE SO THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ME MUCH BUT I WILL SAY THAT IF I WAS REFUSED A TAG IT WOULD BE HARD FOR ME TO LET EVERYONE ELSE HUNT. YOU CAN'T RUN MUCH ON 160 ACRES BUT YOU CAN PLANT A FOOD PLOT AND RUIN HUNTING FOR EVERYONE WITHIN 5 MILES. [general comment] I FILLED OUT THIS SURVEY SO I COULD WRITE THIS. I AS A LANDOWNER WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE MY TAG TO ANOTHER HUNTER. THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS I HAVE PROCESSED MY BEEF CATTLE RIGHT BEFORE DEER SEASON. MY FREEZERS

ARE FULL AND I BOUGHT A DEER TAG TO CONTROL THE NUMBERS ON MY LAND. I USUALLY BUY A BUCK TAG AND ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON I HUNT MY PLACE AND IF THERE IS A DEER THAT HAS BEEN WOUNDED I KILL IT. IF I DON'T HAVE A WOUNDED DEER I SHOOT A DOE. BUT I HAVE FAMILIES WHO HUNT ON MY LAND THAT DAD DREW A TAG AND MOM OR LIKE LAST YEAR 18 YEAR OLD SON DID NOT BUT STILL WANTED TO COME. THEY USE THE MEAT MOST OF THE TIME, I GIVE THEM THE MEAT AFTER I PROCESS IT, AFTER I SHOOT MY DOE ANYWAY. SO WHY CAN'T I LET THEM SHOOT IT AND DO THE WORK AND REAP THE BENEFITS, IT'S MY OWN SPORTSMAN AGAINST HUNGER PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE A TRANSFERABLE LANDOWNER TAG EVEN IF IT'S THROUGH A GFP OFFICER.

- 2231 SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE DEER LICENSES IN HAND, SPINK, BROWN AND FAULK COUNTIES HAVE A LOT OF DEER. KILL MORE MOUNTAIN LIONS
- 2233 I THINK PEOPLE SHOULD BE HELD TO ONE ANY DEER TAG FOR THE LONG TERM. AS NUMBERS DICTATE, ALLOW MORE ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS.
- 2234 [expectation to draw] I HAVE OPPORTUNITY EVERY YEAR BUT WILL ONLY HARVEST MATURE BUCKS.
- 2235 HUNTERS WHO USE VOUCHERS TO PROCESS AND GIVE AWAY THEIR KILL SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ONE LICENSE PER YEAR!!
- 2241 KEEP IT THE SAME.
- 2251 BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO UPSET LANDOWNERS OR THERE WILL BE LESS PLACES FOR EVERYONE TO HUNT!
- 2258 SHOULD SPREAD THE NUMBER OF TAGS OUT MORE. SO THAT THERE IS EQUAL NUMBER OF TAGS FOR RIFLE AND BLACK POWDER SEASONS
- 2259 NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOE POPULATION. SHOULD GIVE FARMERS/RANCHERS DOE TAG TO REDUCE DOE POPULATION.
- 2262 I DON'T THINK ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, OR DESIRABLE. THE ABILITY TO DRAW AN ANY DEER - NOT BUCK - LICENSE ISN'T NECESSARILY FAIR TO SOME FOLKS BUT THAT IS LIFE. NOT EVERYONE HAS TO AGREE FOR SOMETHING TO BE FAIR. I HAVE LAND AND IF YOU START MESSING WITH MY ABILITY TO SHOOT THE DEER IT'S OFF LIMITS FOR ANYONE ELSE TO HUNT. AND THE MINUTE I DON'T GET A LANDOWNER TAG IT'S NOT OPEN FOR ACCESS. I THINK THE FOLKS THAT DON'T SHOULD GET ANY LICENSES LEFT OVER AFTER THE LANDOWNERS ARE FILLED. I WOULD ESTIMATE THE AVERAGE DEER COSTS MY FARMING SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CROP LOSS TO WHERE I BELIEVE LANDOWNER TAGS SHOULD BE FREE OF CHARGE. AND I FOR ONE DON'T THINK THIS YEAR'S REDUCTION IN LICENSES WAS IN ANY WAY WARRANTED BY THE LOCAL POPULATION OF DEER IN BEADLE COUNTY.
- 2270 I DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT TO HAVE TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE POINTS. THEY SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN TO YOU FOR AN UNSUCCESSFUL DRAW.

- 2279 DURING THE DRAWING I WOULD GIVE MORE PREFERENCE TO THE HUNTERS OF THE COUNTIES THAT THEY LIVE IN. NOT HUNTERS FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY.
- 2282 DEER HUNTING IS NOT A RIGHT BUT A PRIVILEGE. HOW ABOUT PAYING MORE FOR LICENSES, THE GREATER PREMIUM YOU PAY, THE BETTER CHANCE ONE HAS TO GETTING A LICENSE. LANDOWNERS SHOULD NEVER BE DENIED A LICENSE FOR USE ON THEIR OWN LAND...NEVER.
- 2288 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH ARCHERY PERMITS. THESE GUYS ARE OUT THERE ALL THE TIME. I RESENT STARTING THE RIFLE SEASON AFTER THE BOW HUNTERS HAVE BEEN AT IT FOR 6 WEEKS.
- 2299 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 2302 LANDOWNERS OPERATORS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER EVERYONE
- 2303 I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT GFP STARTS SELLING OUTFITTER TAGS. THE DEER ARE MANAGED, FED, AND COVER IS PROVIDED BY THE LANDOWNER. THESE THINGS ARE VERY COSTLY TO THE LANDOWNER. LEAVING FOOD PLOTS AND ADEQUATE WINTER COVER KEEP SOUTH DAKOTA'S DEER POPULATION AT GOOD LEVELS, AND THE QUALITY OF THE BUCKS IS VERY GOOD, COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE WHITETAIL IN THE US. THE CURRENT DRAW SYSTEM MAKES IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO RUN A HUNTING BUSINESS, AND MANAGE BOTH HUNTS AND DEER EFFECTIVELY. ON OUR LAND, GFP MAKES IT HARD TO PLAN FOR AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AND DUE TO THE COSTS OF PROVIDING FEED AND HABITAT GETTING HIGHER EVERY YEAR, THE DAYS OF THE SIOUX FALLS HUNTER GETTING TO HUNT FOR FREE ARE GONE. I KNOW WHEN I GO TO SIOUX FALLS, I DON'T GET ANYTHING FREE FROM ANY BUSINESS.
- 2305 I DIDN'T HARVEST A DEER 2013
- 2316 IF LANDOWNER PREFERENCES ARE REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE LAND OPEN TO HUNTING WILL DROP DRAMATICALLY. IT IS THE LANDOWNER WHO IS FEEDING THESE WILDLIFE AND THEY NEED TO ALWAYS GET A LICENSE.
- 2328 I THINK AN APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE TO LIST WHOSE LAND HE HIS HUNTING ON. ROAD HUNTERS CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM. THEY APPLY FOR A LICENSE WITH NO PLACE TO HUNT, THEN THEY DRIVE AROUND AND SHOOT WHEREVER THEY SEE AN OPPORTUNITY. THE LANDOWNER SHOULD SIGN-OFF ON THE APPLICATION.
- 2330 Q LICENSE/GUN YOU MAKE THE CHOICE. HAVE A 1 WEEK SEASON FOR RIFLE AND MUZZLELOADER AT THE SAME TIME. WE HAD A GREAT TIME WHEN THE SEASON WAS 1 WEEK LONG. I'M NOT AGAINST YOUTH HUNTING BUT THEY DON'T APPRECIATE THE SPECIAL SEASON. THEY GET MADE FUN OF JUST SHOOTING THE DOES WHEN THE YOUNG ARE STANDING AT THEIR SIDE. THINK ABOUT IT - NOT MUCH OF A SPORT! THERE SHOULD BE NO YOUTH TAGS. MY SON DID NOT EVEN CONSIDER PUTTING IN FOR THE DRAW.

- 2332 1) I BELIEVE THAT LANDOWNERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM BEING LANDOWNERS. 2) I BELIEVE THAT ARCHERY LICENSES, ESPECIALLY FOR NONRESIDENT HUNTERS, SHOULD BECOME LIMITED (NOT GUARANTEED OTC TAGS) WITH DRAWING BENEFITS GIVEN TO RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS. 3) I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF A TAG SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS A HUNTER TO RECEIVE ONE ANY DEER TAG PER YEAR THAT IS VALID TO BE FILLED WITH ANY WEAPON DURING THE APPROPRIATE OPEN SEASON. FOR EXAMPLE, A HUNTER WITH SUCH A TAG COULD BOW HUNT DURING ARCHERY SEASON TO FILL THE TAG; IF UNSUCCESSFUL, THAT HUNTER COULD THEN USE THE SAME ANY DEER TAG TO HUNT DURING THE FIREARM SEASON WHEN IT OPENS. ONCE THE TAG IS FILLED, THE HUNTER IS THEN UNABLE TO HUNT FOR BUCKS IN SUBSEQUENT SEASONS.
- 2335 ONE HUNTER 1 BUCK LEFTOVER TO NON-RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS SHOULD ONLY GET 1 LICENSE FOR BUCKS AND ONLY ONE UNIT CHOICE.
- 2351 LANDOWNER LICENSE SHOULD BE VALID ON LAND OWNED AND OPERATED ONLY. CIGARETTES (CARTON) \$60. 30 GAL GAS PURSUING DEER EACH DAY $30 \times \$3.20 = \96 . MOTEL AT \$120 A NIGHT. TRIP TO CASINO EVERY NIGHT \$\$\$ SD GAME FISH & PARK DEER LICENSES \$20 TO \$40 EACH. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.
- 2357 TO HELP INCREASE DEER NUMBERS THE STATE SHOULD OFFER A BOUNTY ON COYOTES. THE HARD WINTERS ARE BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING THE NUMEROUS COYOTES EATING FAWNS.
- 2358 YOU SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LANDOWNER SIGNATURE TO GET A LICENSE ON PRIVATE LAND. GFP IS SELLING LICENSES ON LAND THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO TRESPASS ON OR HUNT ON SO LANDOWNERS MUST BE INVOLVED IN ALL GFP HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND. GFP MAY SELL LICENSES BUT DO NOT CONTROL HUNTING, LANDOWNERS DO!
- 2363 EAST RIVER GO WITH SHOTGUN SLUGS. BUY LICENSES OVER THE COUNTER. IT'S GETTING TOO MANY PEOPLE AND ACREAGE AROUND FOR HIGH POWERS.
- 2370 INSTEAD OF HAVING SEPARATE SEASON DATES AND TAG ELIGIBILITY FOR RIFLE AND MUZZLELOADER, COMBINE THE TWO INTO ONE SEASON AND LET THE HUNTER DECIDE WHICH FIREARM THEY WANT TO HUNT WITH. SEPARATING THESE SEASONS GIVES AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TO WHICHEVER SEASON IS CURRENTLY OPEN FIRST.
- 2372 YOU COULD HAVE A TAG THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ALL THE SEASONS BUT ONCE YOU FILL IT YOU ARE DONE. YOU ONLY GET ONE BUCK BUT CAN HUNT MULTIPLE SEASONS!
- 2378 I THINK RESIDENT LANDOWNERS WHO APPLY FOR 1ST OR 2ND CHOICE SHOULD RECEIVE ONE OF THOSE TAGS BEFORE SOMEONE THAT DOESN'T OWN OR OPERATE LAND. THE OTHER OPTION WOULD BE TO HAVE THE LANDOWNER TAG BE GOOD FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY.

- 2380 [landowner preference] COULD MAKE IT ANY DEER AND HELP POPULATION. AND THEY SHOULD OWN AND OPERATE THE LAND. TRIBAL HUNTING 2 WEEKS EARLIER HAVE HURT OUR DEER POPULATION!! AND ALSO OUR HUNTING. THE SEASON SHOULD RUN AT SAME TIME OR NOT HAVE TRIBAL SEASON, SHOULD ALL BE CONTROLLED UNDER GFP, JUST AFFECTS COUNTIES THAT HAVE TRIBAL LAND. HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH TRESPASSING ISSUES AND PEOPLE APPLY FOR LICENSES AND THEN GO ASK PERMISSION TO HUNT - NOT RIGHT!
- 2387 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LATE SEASON HUNT DONE AWAY WITH. TOO MANY DEER ARE BEING KILLED DURING TOUGH WEATHER AND TROPHY BUCKS GET SHOT WHEN HUNTERS THINK THEY ARE BIG DOE. OUR DEER POPULATION HAS SEVERELY DECREASED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.
- 2389 THE OWNER/OPERATORS NEED TO HAVE PREFERENCE.
- 2408 I WOULD PREFER HUNTING WEST RIVER, BUT THERE ARE NO DEER HERE. THIS FORCES ME TO HILLS HUNTING INSTEAD. THIS MEANS I CANNOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I WISH THE GF&P WOULD MANAGE DEER EFFECTIVELY AND HAVE SOMETHING TO HUNT HERE. STOP ISSUING LICENSES AND PADDING YOUR DEER COUNTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A COMEBACK. AND GET THE STATE TRAPPER TO ADDRESS THE MT LION ISSUE HERE.
- 2418 YOU MENTIONED FACTORS AFFECTING DEER NUMBERS, I THINK YOU FORGOT PREDATION WHICH I FEEL IS LARGELY HELPING TO KEEP DEER NUMBERS BELOW THE THRESHOLD THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE FOR EXPANSION. WE HAVE FEWER DEER AND HAVE HAD FOR A WHILE. WHY WERE YOU SO SLOW IN RESPONDING? NOW WE ARE AT A CRISIS LEVEL AND YOU'RE GOING TO REVAMP THE WHOLE SYSTEM. WHO MADE THE SUGGESTION TO GIVE NON-RESIDENT YOUTH AND MUZZLELOADER HUNTERS MULTIPLE DOE TAGS JUST A FEW YEARS AGO? IN MY OPINION YOUR BIOLOGISTS HAVE MADE SOME MAJOR ERRORS AND SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. I ENJOY HUNTING IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF SEASONS. THE WAY I SEE YOUR SURVEY GOING I AM INCLINED TO START HUNTING MORE OUT OF STATE.
- 2422 YOU ARE TOO WEIGHTED ON THE BUCK TAG NUMBERS! IT IS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF DEER THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO HARVEST IN AN AREA. DO NOT OVER SELL BUCK TAGS! DOES ARE GOOD EATING TOO! I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT GAME MANAGEMENT NOT SELLING BUCK TAGS. IF YOU SELL TOO MANY BUCK TAGS HUNTER SUCCESS WILL LAG OR THE BUCK POPULATION WILL FALL SO LOW THAT THERE ARE NO GOOD SIZED RACKS WORTH SHOOTING. THE GFP IS TASKED WITH GAME MANAGEMENT NOT CATERING TO A FEW HUNTERS WHINING ABOUT GETTING BUCK TAGS, THAT SHOULD BE LAST ON YOUR LIST OF MANAGEMENT CRITERIA. IT IS A DRAWING, YOU GET WHAT YOU GET!
- 2424 DISEASE, WEATHER & PREDATION AND THEIR EFFECT ON WILDLIFE POPULATIONS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN ISSUING TAGS. I HAVE WATCHED THE NUMBER OF DEER AND ANTELOPE BE GREATLY DECREASED FROM WEATHER, DISEASE (BLUE TONGUE) & PREDATION FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE WATCHED GFP ISSUE LICENSES

AT THE SAME RATE OR HIGHER. IT WASN'T UNTIL 2 YEARS AGO THAT THEY DECREASED THE AMOUNT OF LICENSES WHEN THE POPULATION HAD ALREADY BEEN DEPLETED. SOMEWHERE, THERE IS A DISCONNECT. THESE SWINGS IN POPULATION IS NOT ONLY BAD FOR THE ECOSYSTEM, IT IS BAD FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY. FURTHERMORE, IT ALSO INCREASES LIVESTOCK LOSSES TO PREDATION WHICH IS ALSO A HUGE BLOW TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY WHICH DEPENDS ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE. IN CONCLUSION, CHANGING THE WAY YOU ISSUE TAGS IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS HAVING AN IDEA OF HOW MANY DEER, ANTELOPE, ETC. ARE IN A UNIT BEFORE YOU ISSUE LICENSES.

2429 YOU ALLOW DEER HUNTING FROM OCTOBER TO JANUARY. GIVE THE DEER A BREAK. IF YOU CANNOT GET YOUR DEER IN THE NOVEMBER SEASON, MAYBE YOU BETTER TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I'M A VARMINT HUNTER ALSO AND DEER HUNTING REALLY MESSES UP HUNTING. AND WALK INS - WALK UP THERE JUST PAYING TAXES. WEST RIVER WALK IN AREN'T VERY GOOD HUNTING ESPECIALLY DEER. MAYBE LESS WALK IN AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO SEE SO MANY LICENSES BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ANIMALS TO THE AMOUNT OF LICENSES YOU SELL. AND QUIT SELLING MULE DEER TAGS. LET THEM COME BACK.

2434 I LIKE WHEN HUNTERS WITH MORE PREFERENCE POINTS DRAW A TAG BEFORE HUNTERS WITH FEWER POINTS. EXAMPLE, ALL HUNTERS WITH 3 YEARS PREFERENCE SHOULD DRAW A LICENSE BEFORE A HUNTER WITH 2 YEARS PREFERENCE.

2443 I THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A DEER LICENSE NO MATTER WHAT IS AVAILABLE.

2445 I THINK THAT THE POLITICS NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE GFP. THE DIRECTOR OF THE GFP SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE AND HIS FIRST QUALIFICATION SHOULD BE AS A GAME BIOLOGIST WITH 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD. THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL GAME ANIMALS IN S.D. SHOULD BE BASED ON SOUND SCIENTIFIC DATA. THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FIELD. THE MESS WITH THE LION POPULATION AND THE PHEASANT COUNTS MAKE THIS VERY EVIDENT. WE DO NOT NEED TO BE MISLED BY FALSE DATA TO KEEP REVENUES UP FOR THE BENEFIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. DEER TAGS SHOULD BE ISSUED TO LANDOWNERS WITH OVER 5,000 ACRES FREE OF CHARGE. (ONE DEER TAG PER LANDOWNER NON-TRANSFERABLE.) WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE WITH OVERPOPULATION OF GAME ANIMALS SUCH AS DEER AND TURKEYS THAT BECOME NUISANCE AND HUNTERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO HARVEST THE EXCESS GAME THEN LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE APPLY AND RECEIVE TAGS TO ALLOW THEM TO SUPERVISE THE HARVEST OF THESE ANIMALS UNDER THE GUIDELINES IN THE HUNTING HANDBOOK. LAST BUT NOT LEAST WHO MADE THE INCREDIBLE MESS OF YOUR ONCE VERY FUNCTIONAL WEBSITE? YOU SHOULD AT THE VERY LEAST GET YOUR MONEY BACK AND PUT THE OLD SITE BACK IN SERVICE. THE NEW ONE IS A POOR EXCUSE FOR A WEBSITE. IT IS HARD TO USE AND NOT USER FRIENDLY IN ANY WAY. GOOD LUCK CLEANING UP THAT MESS! WITH ALL THAT SAID I NEED TO END ON A HIGH NOTE I AM A LANDOWNER IN S.D. AND THE GFP IS THE BEST

COOPERATOR THAT I HAVE WHEN I NEED HELP WITH A WILDLIFE PROJECT. THE STAFF IN THE FIELD HAVE BEEN GREAT IN HELPING ME RESOLVE TRESPASS ISSUES AND MUCH MORE. YOUR STAFF IS DOING A GREAT JOB. THANK YOU.

- 2452 I WISH A CHANGE WOULD BE MADE STATING ONLY A WHITETAIL MAY BE TAKEN FOR SPINK COUNTY. WOULD BE NICE TO ESTABLISH MULE DEER IN OUR AREA, BUT SEEMS IF A COUPLE ARE PRESENT, THEY ARE TARGETED RIGHT AWAY & KILLED, LEAVING NO OPPORTUNITY TO POPULATE FURTHER. ALSO, WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THE FOX POPULATION IN OUR AREA BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO BUILD BACK UP. MAYBE CLOSE SEASON ON FOX FOR A FEW YEARS. COYOTES HAVE KILLED ALMOST ALL AROUND HERE. THANK YOU.
- 2457 ONE BUCK LICENSE AVAILABLE FOR ARCHERY AND ONE FOR FIREARM, NO NEED FOR SO MANY ALLOWANCES. WILL ALLOW MEAT HUNTERS TO GET THEIR DEER AND EVENTUALLY HUNTERS WILL BE MORE SELECTIVE ON WHAT THEY KILL ALLOWING FOR A HEALTHIER DEER POPULATION. SOME STATES YOU MUST KILL A DOE TO EARN YOUR BUCK LICENSE.
- 2462 I BELIEVE IN THE LUCK OF THE DRAW. I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THEIR LICENSES EVERY YEAR LIKE THEY WOULD LIKE BUT THIS SYSTEM GIVES EVERYONE HOPE. IF THE DEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN THEN WE COULD GO TO ONE STATEWIDE ARCHERY ANY DEER TAG UNTIL THE NUMBERS COME BACK AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF OUT OF STATE ARCHERY HUNTERS BUT DON'T LIMIT THE RESIDENTS SO MORE PAY HUNTERS COME IN.
- 2467 I BELIEVE ALL LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS SHOULD QUALIFY FOR A BUCK LICENSE IN THE FIRST DRAW. WE FEED THEM AND WE TOLERATE THE CROP DAMAGE THEY DO SO WE CAN HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING THEM.
- 2476 I BELIEVE THAT LANDOWNERS WHO OPERATE AT LEAST 160 ACRES OF LAND SHOULD BE GRANTED A RESIDENT DEER LICENSE.
- 2477 I WOULD RATHER SEE RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY GET THE DEER LICENSE FOR THEIR COUNTY THAN HAVE THEM BEAT OUT BY A RESIDENT OF ANOTHER COUNTY.
- 2483 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER, 800 ACRES WOULD BE OKAY TOO? [general comment] I FARM LAND IN 3 COUNTIES AND OWN LAND IN 4. THE DEER POPULATION IN LINCOLN, TURNER, AND MINNEHAHA; DON'T BUY ANY MEANS SEEM PLENTIFUL? DAY & ROBERTS COUNTY. SEEM TO BE BETTER, DUE TO STILL HAVING BETTER HABITAT GROUNDS FOR THE DEER TO FLOURISH. THANKS YOU GUYS DO A GREAT JOB.
- 2491 LET THE HUNTERS SHOOT THE DEER RATHER THAN THE MOUNTAIN LION GET THEM OPEN THE SEASON ON LIONS
- 2492 I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE SO THAT IT IS FAIRER. WHY SHOULD ONE HUNTER BE ABLE TO GET SEVERAL LICENSES WHEREAS SOME CAN'T GET ANY?

- 2502 BLACK HILLS APPLICANTS SHOULD BE HEAVILY WEIGHTED FOR THE NEXT YEAR. SOME RESIDENTS SAY THEY HAVE APPLIED THOSE FOR A LOT OF YEARS IN A ROW. THIS IS QUITE DISCOURAGING AND UNFAIR.
- 2509 BELIEVE ARCHERY LICENSES SHOULD BE ISSUED THE SAME AS FIREARMS!
- 2523 EVEN AS A LANDOWNER WITH A FAMILY I FEEL THERE ARE TOO MANY LICENSES GIVEN TO LANDOWNERS AS A WHOLE. IF I AM CORRECT A LANDOWNER'S FAMILY IS ALLOWED 5 LICENSES PER HOUSEHOLD. I HAVE HEARD OF SOME FAMILIES BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE AS MANY AS 40-45 LICENSES TO HUT THE LAND THEY ALL FARM TOGETHER WITH THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FAMILIES. NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS TYPE OF SITUATION CAN VIRTUALLY WIPE OUT ALL DEER IN THE AREA THEY FARM ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY SHOOT EVERYTHING THEY SEE FOR THE MEAT, AND BELIEVE ME IT DOES HAPPEN. NO ONE FAMILY NEEDS TO BE GUARANTEED 5 LICENSES EVERY YEAR. IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD A DEER HERD BACK UP AND NEVER ALLOWS FOR ANY BUCKS TO GROW OLD ENOUGH TO BECOME OF A QUALITY TO MAKE THE HUNT WORTHWHILE, FUN AND ENJOYABLE! IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE GFP WOULD PUT A LITTLE MORE EFFORT INTO GROWING MORE QUALITY BUCKS.
- 2528 MAYBE A LANDOWNER SHOULD GET A DOE TAG FOR HIMSELF ONLY FOR FREE THEN SEND IN FOR THE DRAWING.
- 2542 [expectation to draw] DON'T APPLY FOR BLACK HILLS ANYMORE. NEVER GET DRAWN. [general comment] WHY DO LANDOWNERS GET 50% OF TAGS GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE UNIT? THEY DON'T PAY TAXES OR TAKE CARE OF ALL THAT LAND. I CAN SEE AND AGREE WITH GETTING A TAG FOR THEIR OWN LAND ONLY IF THEY DON'T GET DRAWN FOR A NORMAL TAG.
- 2543 MORE CONSISTENTLY ALLOW UNFILLED BUCK LICENSES TO CONVERT TO ANTLERLESS WHEN THERE IS AN EXTENDED JANUARY SEASON.
- 2544 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 2545 I FEEL THAT EVERY LANDOWNER THAT OWNS/LEASES/OPERATES 640 ACRES OR MORE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES SHOULD BE ISSUED A FREE ANY DEER LICENSE VALID ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY, IF THEY DON'T APPLY FOR A REGULAR WEST RIVER OR EAST RIVER DEER TAG. WITHOUT THE PRIVATE LANDOWNERS PROVIDING HABITAT AND HUNTER ACCESS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MANY LICENSES TO SELL OR DEER TO HUNT.
- 2547 CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LANDOWNERS WHO ARE NOT SD RESIDENTS BUT OPERATE HOLDINGS THAT QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE WITHIN THE STATE. THEY DO PAY TAXES IN SD AND MAINTAIN THE HABITAT.
- 2548 I THINK THE MINIMUM NUMBERS AND ACRES FOR LANDOWNER IS TOO MUCH. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE WITH THAT IN MIND LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD MEAN LANDOWNER PREFERENCE HUNTERS, HUNT THEIR OWN GROUND. LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD NOT MEAN YOU CAN HUNT THE WHOLE

COUNTY. AND CERTAINLY DON'T LET HUNTERS WITHOUT LAND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY BEFORE LANDOWNERS. TO KNOW HUNTERS THAT DON'T OWN LAND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT ANY LAND THEY CAN (JUST BECAUSE) OR WANT TO IS WRONG JUST PLAIN WRONG. IF THEY DON'T PAY TAXES AND UP KEEP ON LAND, THEY DON'T BELONG ON MY LAND. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

- 2549 I THINK SD SHOULD GO TO A MINIMUM POINTS STANDARDS ON HARVESTING BUCKS LIKE FOR EXAMPLE MIN EIGHT POINT 135 SCORE AND IF THEY SHOT A BUCK UNDER THAT THEY AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THEIR LICENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR
- 2571 HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE ONLY ONE BUCK OR ONE BUCK AND ONE DOE. I AM A LANDOWNER AND A HUNTER.
- 2572 THE NON-LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LANDOWNER PERMISSION SLIP TO APPLY FOR THE AREA THEY ARE HUNTING TO AVOID SO MUCH TRESPASSING THERE IS LITTLE PUBLIC GROUND
- 2575 I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD "NEVER" BE A DRAWING FOR ARCHERY TAGS. YOU SHOULD GET A TAG REGARDLESS. I WOULD BE "VERY" AGAINST AN ARCHERY DRAWING EVER. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT RESIDENTS OF THAT COUNTY THEY LIVE IN SHOULD GET FIRST CHANCE AT RIFLE TAGS. WE ARE THE ONES TAKING CARE OF THE LAND IN OUR COUNTY, NOT THE NON-RESIDENTS THAT GET "OUR" TAGS AND DRIVE DOWN OUR ROADS AND SECTION LINES THAT "WE" MAINTAIN OUT OF SEASON. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO HUNTING THE LAND THAT THEY USE TO GET THE GUARANTEED LANDOWNER TAG. NOT LIMITED TO PUBLIC WALK IN THOUGH. IF THE REDUCTION IN TAGS THIS YEAR IS DUE TO THINKING THERE IS A "LACK OF DEER" IN THE STATE. I INVITE YOU TO RIDE ALONG WITH ME IN NORTHERN POTTER COUNTY TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF DEER I SEE IN AN AVERAGE DAY OF HUNTING RUNNING THE COUNTRY SIDE OR DEAD ON THE ROAD. I HOPE TO KEEP THINGS SATISFACTORY FOR NON-LANDOWNING ARCHERY AND RIFLE HUNTERS LIKE MYSELF, SO THAT I CAN STILL ENJOY HUNTING IN THIS STATE THAT I LOVE.
- 2580 EX. I FEEL THAT A HUNTER SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ARCHERY TAG AND 2 RIFLE SEASON EACH YEAR. ARCHERY SHOULD BE LEFT THE SAME UNLESS THE GFP WOULD ALLOW BAITING TO INCREASE SUCCESS RATES ON ARCHERY TAGS. ANY RESIDENT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO RIFLE TAGS, BUT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BUY PREFERENCE POINTS FOR OTHER SEASONS. GOOD LUCK.
- 2581 MY COMMENTS ARE:
- 1) MANY LANDOWNERS INVEST A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK AND MONEY TOWARD ASSURING QUALITY HABITAT. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE REASONABLE AND REOCCURRING HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES THEIR SUPPORT OF HABITAT WILL SUBSIDE. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN LANDOWNERS SEEMS LIKELY TO DIMINISH CORRESPONDINGLY. 2) I LISTEN TO LANDOWNERS AND FRIENDS SAY THAT THEY APPLY FOR LANDOWNER

PREFERENCE FOR NOT ONLY THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IN ONE SITUATION, I HEARD OF A FAMILY WHERE IN THE AD AND UP TO SIX KIDS GOT BUCK TAGS CONNECTED TO A SINGLE FARMING OPERATION. TO ALLOW THIS SEEMS A QUESTIONABLE PRACTICE TO ME.

- 2585 I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU LIMIT THE LICENSE FOR LANDOWNERS I AM THINKING THAT THEY MAY STOP ALLOWING OTHERS ON THEIR PROPERTY. THIS CAUSES LESS AREA TO HUNT.
- 2600 IF I WORK OR FARM FOR A FARMER THAT HAS 1000'S OF ACRE'S I SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE TOO.
- 2605 DON'T NEED ANY DOUBLE TAGS
- 2607 I DO NOT THINK THE LANDOWNER SHOULD GET A BUCK LICENSE EVERY YEAR. THEY SHOULD AT LEAST GET AN ANTLERLESS TAG EVERY YEAR, BUT NOT A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR. I STRONGLY FEEL ELK BULL TAGS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO LANDOWNERS EVERY YEAR. LET THEM GET A BULL TAG EVERY TEN YEARS LIKE THE REST OF US. MAYBE THEY COULD GET A COW TAG EVERY YEAR, AND A BULL TAG EVERY TEN YEARS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE? ACTUALLY, EVERYONE ELSE ONLY GETS TO APPLY EVERY YEAR. THEY ARE NOT GUARANTEED A TAG EVERY YEAR. THANK YOU.
- 2608 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER PREFERENCE
- 2610 IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE FIREARM LICENSE FOR THE ARCHERY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE CROSSBOWS. ALSO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE SCOPES ON BLACK POWDER RIFLES AS LONG AS THEY SHOOT A SABOT
- 2611 HUNTING ON YOUR OWN LAND IS TOO BROAD. ONE MAY OWN LAND SCATTERED MILES APART. HAVE A LANDOWNER LICENSE BUT DO NOT LIMIT IT TO YOUR OWN LAND. THE DEER DON'T STOP ON YOUR LAND THEY ROAM.
- 2614 BEING A LANDOWNER, I FEEL THAT WE (LANDOWNERS) SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED, IN ANY WAY, FROM DRAWING THE LICENSE REQUESTED. HOWEVER, LANDOWNER PREFERENCE COULD BE LIMITED TO ONE FIREARM BUCK TAG PER YEAR. IF APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE FIREARM TAGS PER YEAR, NO LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD BE ALLOWED AFTER CHOICE #1. ARCHERY TAGS SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE FROM FIREARM TAGS.
- 2617 I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE CURRENT SYSTEM WHERE A LANDOWNER IS GUARANTEED A LICENSE THAT IS GOOD ON HIS OWN LAND ONLY. THIS IS FAIR, AS THOSE LANDOWNERS WHO DON'T MAINTAIN ANY HABITAT HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES, AND LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE HABITAT AND DEER, AND PUT UP WITH THE DEER ALL YEAR LONG CAN ALWAYS HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND.
- 2618 LANDOWNER OPERATOR SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE OVER EVERYONE!
- 2642 AS LANDOWNER IN CAMPBELL COUNTY I AM TIRED OF NOT GETTING A BUCK TAG FOR MY SECOND CHOICE LICENSE, WHEN THE SEASON COMES ALONG

THE AREA IS FULL OF PEOPLE FROM OUT OF THE AREA KNOCKING ON MY DOOR LOOKING TO HUNT, WHAT DO YOU THINK I TELL THEM?

2643 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER [alternative allocation] NONE FOR 3 OR MORE SEASONS. [landowner preference] 320 ACRES

2646 I THINK YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT UNLIMITED ARCHERY TAGS GENERATE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE STATE AND HAVE A FAIRLY LOW SUCCESS RATE. BY ALLOWING UNLIMITED TAGS YOU KEEP A LOT OF HUNTERS HAPPY, GENERATE DOLLARS FOR GFP, AND REALLY DO NOT HARVEST THAT MAY DEER OVERALL TO AFFECT THE OVERALL TAGS ISSUED FOR OTHER DRAWINGS. IF PEOPLE IN THE STATE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE UNLIMITED ARCHERY TAGS, AND ARE UPSET THEY COULD NOT DRAW A BUCK TAG MAYBE THEY SHOULD TAKE UP ARCHERY IF THEY WOULD LIKE A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR

2652 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND BLACK HILLS DEER

2666 [landowner preference] CAN ONLY HUNT OWN LAND NOT UNIT! [general comment] MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT IF THE DEER WERE MANAGED BETTER THIS WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. IT'S NOT THE NUMBER OF TAGS ISSUED, IT'S THE RESTRICTIONS OR LACK THERE OF. BUCKS NEED TO HAVE A FOUR POINT MINIMUM, 4 POINTS OR MORE ON ONE SIDE. THIS WOULD MANAGE THE BUCK POPULATION MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY AND PREVENT ALL THE IDIOTS FROM SHOOTING ANYTHING THAT MOVES. ALSO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS NEED TO APPLY TO ONLY THOSE THAT HAVE LIVED IN THE STATE FOR 5 OR MORE YEARS. WE GET A LOT OF IRRESPONSIBLE HUNTERS FOR THE AFB WHO WOULD RATHER HUNT THE ROADS AND AGAIN SHOOT ANYTHING THAT MOVES AND BY MAKING THEM PAY NON-RESIDENT FEES HOPEFULLY ONLY THE TRUE HUNTERS WILL BE APPLYING. I'M FORMER ARMY AND HAD NO PROBLEM PAYING NON-RESIDENT FEES FOR MY HUNTING EXPERIENCES. I'M NOT TRYING TO HATE ON ANYONE OR TELL GFP HOW TO DO THEIR JOB, IT IS JUST AN OBSERVATION AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT MANAGING THE DEER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

2667 NO NONRESIDENTS FOR DEER

2669 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

2670 OPEN THE SECOND SEASON, END OF YEAR SEASON, FOR ANY LICENSE TO TAKE A DOE. OR IF THERE ARE EXCESS BUCKS, AND THEY HAVE AN ANY DEER OR BUCK ONLY LICENSE, THEY COULD STILL HARVEST ONE OR THE OTHER.

2677 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER, BLACK HILLS AND MUZZLELOADER

2687 I WAS WONDERING IF WE STILL COULD GET LANDOWNER BUCK ONLY TAGS AS I WAS DENIED EAST RIVER YANKTON CO TAGS...I AM APPALLED AT THE WAY YOU HANDLE ARCHERY TAGS. EVERY TOM DICK AND HARRY WILL BE HANGING OUT OF A TREE THIS FALL AND MORE DEER WILL BE WOUNDED AS THEY WILL BE AMATEUR HUNTERS AS SO FEW RIFLE TAGS ISSUED. I UNDERSTAND THE

AMOUNT OF TAG REDUCTIONS IS NEEDED AS OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN IN MARINDAHL LAKE AREA. I DO A FOOD PLOT FOR GFP IN THAT AREA AND HAVE NOT SEEN MUCH DEER TRAFFIC IN IT. I FEEL IF YOU WANT TO REGULATE THE DEER POPULATION YOU ALSO NEED TO REGULATE ARCHERY TAGS. THANK YOU

- 2688 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER [landowner preference] SHOULD MAYBE BE 80 ACRES.
- 2697 IF YOU HAVE OVER 12 YEARS OF PREFERENCE POINTS ON BIG GAME YOU SHOULD GO TO THE TOP OF THE DRAWING FIRST. THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON SOMEONE WITH 1 OR 5 YEARS SHOULD GET AN ELK LICENSE BEFORE SOMEONE WITH 12 OR 15 YEAR'S SOMETHING WRONG THERE.
- 2705 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 2709 BELIEVE SINCE FARMERS FEED THE DEER, THEY SHOULD BE GUARANTEED A LANDOWNER LICENSE ANY YEAR THE WANT TO HUNT. AFTER ALL, THEY ARE HUNTING ONLY ON THEIR LAND.
- 2722 I WISH THERE WERE MORE SPECIAL BUCK TAGS TO DRAW FROM. THE GFP MAKES MORE MONEY OFF OF THOSE TAGS THAN ANY OTHER. A LOT OF RESIDENTS PUT IN FOR THEM ANYMORE AND I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING HUNTERS FOR MY PRIVATE LAND. I DON'T THINK IF YOU HAVE A BUCK TAG YOU SHOULD BE ALLOWED ANOTHER EVEN IF THEY ARE LEFTOVER THEY SHOULD GO TO IN STATE OR OUT OF STATE HUNTERS THAT DIDN'T DRAW A TAG. I MET A GUY FROM SIOUX FALLS A COUPLE YEARS AGO THAT HAD 16 TAGS TO FILL AND THAT STUPID HALF OF THEM WERE SPOILED ON HIS TRAILER, THAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME.
- 2728 THERE ARE TOO MANY LICENSES GIVEN OUT. LAND OWNERS SHOULD BE GUARANTEED A LICENSE OF HIS OR HER CHOICE AND FEWER NON LANDOWNER LICENSES SHOULD BE GIVEN OUT. TOO MANY PEOPLE DRIVE AROUND BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY LAND TO HUNT AND THEY SCREW IT UP FOR LANDOWNERS TRYING TO HUNT THE CORRECT WAY. THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CHANGES.
- 2729 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 2737 LANDOWNERS PROVIDE THE HABITAT, FEED, WATER, AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL GAME AND HUNTING ON THEIR LAND AND SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO HUNT ON THEIR LAND WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO PAY SO. DAK. GF&P FOR A TICKET (LICENSE) TO MANAGE (HUNT) THE WILDLIFE THEY RAISED ON THEIR LAND ALONG WITH THEIR LIVESTOCK AND CROPS.
- 2740 I THINK OUT OF STATE HUNTERS WHO OWN LAND SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LICENSE IN THE COUNTY THEY OWN LAND IN.
- 2753 AS A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR IN WESTERN SD AND AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS HUNTED AND APPLIED IN MOST WESTERN STATES I THINK THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES THAT CAN BE IMPROVED ON IN COMPARISON TO

NEIGHBORING STATES. DUE TO LOW SUCCESS OF ARCHERY IN THIS STATE EARLIER, ALLOW BAITING, AND START RIFLE SEASON AFTER THE MAIN PART OF THE RUT. AS A RIFLE HUNTER AS WELL I ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THE SPECIAL WR BUCK TAG TO HUNT ON NEIGHBOR AND FRIENDS PROPERTY AS WELL AS MY OWN. I ALWAYS USE THE LANDOWNER OPTION AS A BACKUP PLAN, BUT RIGHT, TO GUARANTEE AN OPPORTUNITY AT A BUCK IF I SEE ONE I CHOOSE TO HARVEST. I ALSO ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO MUZZLELOADER HUNT BECAUSE OF LOW HUNTING PRESSURE AND EXTENDED TIME PERIOD. THE SHORT 2 WEEK RIFLE SEASON CAUSES PEOPLE TO ACT HASTILY AND BRASHLY. I THINK KANSAS HAS THEIR SEASON DATES IN THE RIGHT ORDER; MUZZLELOADER AND ARCHERY STARTING EARLIER AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, ARCHERY ONLY DURING RUT & RIFLE LATE AND DURING A LONGER DURATION. I ALSO SEE IN MANY WESTERN STATES THE LARGER RANCHES AND TRACK OPERATORS HAVE BETTER CONTROL OF THE AVAILABLE TAGS AND WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THEIR STATE AGENCY TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE MULE DEER NUMBERS FOR THEIR OPERATION AND THEN SET TO HAVE DEER VOUCHERS THEY CAN ASSIGN TO WHO THEY WANT ON THEIR PROPERTY. ON OUR OPERATION IN THE LAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE HAD AS MANY AS 400 ANTELOPE DOWN TO 10 AND CURRENTLY BACK UP TO 200. WHEN THERE WERE 400 THE STATE WAS GIVING TAGS TO EVERYONE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE GOING TO LET EVERYONE ON OUR PROPERTY. SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESPECT, DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THEMSELVES, AND DON'T MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET TO KNOW LANDOWNERS. JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY FROM A TOWN SUCH AS WATERTOWN BUYS OR DRAWS A TAG DOESN'T MEAN HE IS GOING TO HAVE A RIGHT TO BE ON OUR PROPERTY. IF WE WERE GIVEN TAG VOUCHERS BASED ON OUR HERD SIZE (WHETHER DEER OR ANTELOPE) THAT WE COULD ASSIGN TO PEOPLE WE ENTRUST THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING ON OUR LAND WE COULD MANAGE NUMBERS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND HAVE LESS DRAMATIC POPULATION SWINGS, UNTIL THIS MENTALITY IS ACCEPTED IN THIS STATE WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE LARGE SWINGS DUE TO WEATHER, PREDATION, AND DISEASE (EHD). I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT THE WILDLIFE ARE PROPERTY OF THE STATE AND ITS PEOPLE. THE STATE AND ITS PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE WILDLIFE IN THIS STATE FOR THE MOST PART LIVE ON PRIVATE PEOPLES PROPERTY AT THEIR EXPENSE; FEED, WATER, FENCE DESTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, TIRE DESTRUCTION FROM ANTLERS, AND STOCK PILED FEED DESTRUCTION. IF THIS STATE CAN TAKE THE LEAD OF SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN STATES AND ALLOW THE LAND MANAGERS TO BECOME GAME MANAGERS YOU WILL SEE THE QUALITY OF ANIMALS INCREASE AND THE DRAMATIC POPULATION SWINGS DECREASE.

- 2758 ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE A HUNDRED DAY SEASON TO BAG THEIR DEER AND EVERY YEAR THEY GET A "BUCK" TAG. ARCHERY HUNTERS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET A FIREARM LICENSE, PERIOD! OUR NEIGHBOR SHOT THREE BUCKS ONE FALL WITH HIS BOW AND ONLY FOUND THE THIRD. THE REST WE FOUND WITH THE COMBINE WHEN THE CORN WAS HARVESTED.
- 2769 [archery buck license quota] DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY DEER ARE KILLED ANNUALLY BY BOWHUNTERS THAT ARE NEVER FOUND BY HUNTER? SOME KILL 3 OR 4 BEFORE THEY TAG ONE.

- 2777 THESE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE RE-WORDED SO THEY MAKE MORE SENSE. NEED TO ADVERTISE WHEN DRAW DATES ARE!!!! OUR PAID HUNTER MISSES OUT A LOT BECAUSE WE NEVER KNOW WHEN THE DRAW DATES ARE
- 2789 AS THE POPULATION OF DEER COMES BACK THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING THESE LAST FEW YEARS WILL LIKELY LARGELY GO AWAY. NO NEED TO MAKE ANY MAJOR SERIOUS CHANGES IN MY MIND.
- 2796 THE CURRENT PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING DEER TAGS HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR A LONG TIME AND BECAUSE THE STATE OVER SOLD LICENSES FOR TOO MANY YEARS. YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE IT (FAIR) FOR EVERYONE TO DRAW TAGS AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COMPLAIN NO MATTER WHAT YOU NEED TO QUIT WORRYING ABOUT TRYING TO MAKE EVERY HUNTER HAPPY AND DO WHAT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE! THE REASON THE PROCESS IS THE WAY IT IS, IS BECAUSE IT MADE SENSE. QUIT WORRYING ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT CONSTANTLY COMPLAIN THEY WILL JUST FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT WHEN THIS IS DONE
- 2797 LOCALS FIRST. I BELIEVE A LANDOWNER WHO OWNS OR OPERATES 5 TO 5000 ACRES, SHOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE A DEER TAG AT FULL PRICE EVERY YEAR. THE LICENSE FOR ONLY 1 TAG BE IT RIFLE, BOW, BLACK POWDER, OR ANY OTHER MEANS OF HARVESTING A DEER.
- 2798 THEY SHOULD PUT IN FOR BOTH SEASON BUT HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE. I HAVE BEEN A LANDOWNER FOR MANY YEARS. I HAVE BOUGHT A LICENSE THE PAST 4 YEARS AND NOT FILLED OR HUNTED FOR THE SAKE THERE IS A LOW SUPPLY OF DEER. I JUST GET A LANDOWNER IN THE EVENT A NICE BUCK COMES ACROSS I HAVE THE OPTION TO SHOOT. I THINK THEY SHOULD PUT A CAP ON HOW MANY DEER LICENSES EACH PERSON RECEIVES. NO PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHOOT MORE THAN 2 DEER EXCLUDING ARCHERY. ARCHERY TAKES TIME AND PATIENTS. I THINK ANYONE WANTING SHOULD BE ALLOWED AN ARCHERY TAG.
- 2803 THE STATE (GFP) SCREWED UP IN MCPHERSON COUNTY THIS YEAR. NO WAY IS THERE A SHORTAGE OF DEER. THE USUAL HUNTERS WHO HUNT ON MY LAND AND PARENTS TYPICALLY ALWAYS FILL THE DOUBLE DOE TAG OR 1 BUCK 1 DOE TAG. NOW THIS YEAR WE CAN ONLY HARVEST 1 DEER TOTAL! FOR THIS REASON I AM ASKING EVERY CO-WORKER FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PLEASE HUNT ON OUR LAND TO BRING DOWN THE POPULATION. MAKE THE SEASON LONGER WHEN IT FIRST STARTS. RE-OPENING THE SEASON IN JANUARY IS A COMPLETE WASTE. NO ONE IS CAPABLE OF DRIVING DOWN THE SECTION LINES TO ACCESS LAND. MAKE THE SEASON 5-6 WEEKS LONG IN NOVEMBER. THANKS.
- 2807 IF PEOPLE WANT A LANDOWNER LICENSE THEY SHOULD BE ONLY ABLE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND IN MY OPINION
- 2809 MY HUSBAND AND I ENJOY DEER HUNTING. WE ARE BOTH LAND OWNERS. WE BOTH APPLY FOR LANDOWNER HUNTING ON OUR OWN LAND EVERY YEAR. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE HARVESTED TWO DEER OUT OF A

POSSIBLE TWELVE TAGS. WE ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE NOT NECESSARILY THE KILL.

2838 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR, LANDOWNER

2845 I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE WALK-IN ACRES ARE MANAGED. IT CONCENTRATES TOO MANY HUNTERS IN ONE AREA. SOME ACRES DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ANIMALS FOR THE AMOUNT OF HUNTERS. THE HUNTERS ARE FORCED TO RUN UP AND DOWN THE ROADS OR GET PERMISSION FROM LANDOWNERS. I GET TOO MANY HUNTERS ASKING PERMISSION. IT WOULD HELP IF EACH WALK-IN COULD SOMEHOW ONLY HAVE SO MANY HUNTERS.

2847 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

2850 I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE EAGLE KILLING IN OUR AREA WAS HANDLED AT THE VERY LEAST, HE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO KEEP HAVING PAID HUNTING. THE MONEY IS NOTHING, LOOK AT HIS WEBSITE, IT WAS A VERY SMALL SLAP ON THE HAND. MAKES ME THINK WHY IS A SHEEP RANCHER FORCED TO SELL HIS SHEEP UP BY ISABEL SD AND THIS MAN IS ABLE TO KEEP HIS PAID HUNTERS. IT IS THE COST OF OUT OF STATE LICENSES THAT LETS THE LAW, WORK ONE WAY AND THEN THE OTHER FOR THE MAN MAKING A LIVING OFF HIS LIVESTOCK. IT WASN'T AND ISN'T RIGHT. I KNOW BOTH FAMILIES WELL.

2855 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY

2866 THE EAST RIVER DEER SEASON SHOULD START 2 WEEKS EARLIER. AT THE SAME TIME AS NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA. THE DEER ARE MOVING AND GETTING HIT ON THE ROADS. I HAVE SEEN AT LEAST 5 DEER HIT THIS YEAR IN THE PAST WEEK AND A HALF AS I DRIVE MY ROUTE TO WORK. THESE DEER COULD BE HARVESTED BY A HUNTER INSTEAD OF BY A MOTORIST IF THE SEASON WAS EARLIER. THIS YEAR THE WEATHER CONSISTS OF SNOW AND VERY COLD TEMPERATURES! WE COULD HAVE HAD AN OPENING WEEKEND FREE OF SNOW AND BITTER COLD IF THE SEASON HAD STARTED WHEN NORTH DAKOTA & MINNESOTA DID. YOUNG BEGINNING HUNTERS WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH BETTER FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH AN EARLIER SEASON THIS YEAR. IN YOUR COVER LETTER YOU STATED THAT "SEVERE WEATHER, HABITAT LOSS, AND DISEASE" HAVE IMPACTED THE DEER POPULATION. (THOSE THINGS HAVE IMPACTED OTHER WILDLIFE POPULATIONS AS WELL). I BELIEVE THERE IS ANOTHER FACTOR THAT HAS AFFECTED WILDLIFE POPULATIONS AND THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS MANAGEMENT POLICES OR LACK OF PER THE REPORT BY THE CONSULTANTS FROM OUT OF STATE. THE DOLLARS FROM LICENSE SALES HAVE TOO MUCH INFLUENCE, IN MY OPINION, OVER GAME MANAGEMENT. UNLIMITED PHEASANT LICENSE SALES AND UNLIMITED OUT OF STATE FISHING LICENSES AREN'T A GOOD PRACTICE BECAUSE THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF WILDLIFE. WE HAVE LIVED IN SOUTH DAKOTA ALL OF OUR LIVES, AND WE HAVE HUNTED AND FISHED ALL THAT TIME. HUNTING AND FISHING WASN'T A MONEY MAKING MACHINE ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO WHEN WE STARTED FARMING. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT NO LONGER IS ABOUT THE WILDLIFE, BUT IT IS ABOUT THE MONEY

THE WILDLIFE CAN GENERATE THAT IS WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IN
DECISION MAKING NOW.

2867 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSE 1000 ACRES OR MORE EVERY YEAR 1
PERMIT 500 ACRES OR MORE EVERY TWO YEARS 1 PERMIT, 320 OR MORE
EVERY THREE YEARS 1 PERMIT, 320 OR LESS ACRES EVERY FOUR YEARS 1
PERMIT

2874 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

2885 OVERALL, I HAVE BEEN HAPPY OVER THE YEARS WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM
BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO SPREAD THE OPPORTUNITY OUT TO MORE
INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE STATE. 1 ISSUE THAT I HAVE WITH THE CURRENT
SYSTEM IS THE FACT THAT I DO KNOW OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE GROWN
CHILDREN THAT ARE NO LONGER INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY FARM OPERATION
THAT STILL APPLY FOR THE LANDOWNER/OPERATOR PREFERENCE. I THINK
THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE THE SAME AS A NON-
LANDOWNER/OPERATOR.

2891 I FEEL THAT LANDOWNERS AND THOSE WHO LEASE AND OPERATE PUBLIC
LANDS SHOULD HAVE MORE CONTROL OF HUNTING RIGHTS. NOT SO THAT
THEY CAN MAKE A PROFIT OFF OF PUBLIC LANDS, BUT THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
ARE CLOSEST TO THE LAND AND HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW
WILDLIFE NUMBERS ARE AFFECTING IT. CAN BE THE ONES MAKING DECISIONS
IN A WAY THAT BEST BENEFITS HUNTER, WILDLIFE, LAND OPERATORS, AND
GFP.

2897 PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR POLICY CONCERNING "WALK IN AREAS." WE OWN
LAND CONTIGUOUS TO A PUBLIC AREA AND AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS, IT IS
"SHOT OUT" DUE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOOTING ANYTHING THAT MOVES
DURING DEER SEASON. WE TRY TO MANAGE OUR DEER POPULATION BUT IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO DUE TO THE DEER MOVING BACK AND FORTH DURING
THE YEAR. WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 30% OF THE DEER WE HAD 5 YEARS
AGO. VERY DISCOURAGING!

2899 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE 9 DAY DEER SEASON WITH LOWER NUMBER OF BUCK
TAGS (CAMPBELL COUNTY) TOO MANY SMALL BUCKS SHOT LATE IN SEASON.

2901 I CAN NO LONGER HUNT BECAUSE OF LOSS OF SIGHT.

2904 LANDOWNERS FEED/WATER THE DEER 365 DAYS A YEAR THAT THE GFP
"MANAGES." PLEASE DON'T SQUEEZE THEM OUT TO PLEASE "MONEY MEN"
WHO WANT TO TEAR AROUND ONE WEEKEND A MONTH TO CHASE DEER.

2913 RAISE THE PRICE ON BUCK TAGS. THAT WILL HELP ON EVERYTHING. IF YOU
WANT TO HUNT FOR HORNS, YOU SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

2924 WE NEED MORE NON-RESIDENT LICENSES. LANDOWNERS CAN MAKE SOME
MONEY OFF NON-RESIDENTS BUT THEY CAN'T DRAW TAGS.

- 2943 WELL, I HAVE AN OPINION ON THE LEFT OVER DEER TAGS. I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU DRAW A TAG ON THE FIRST DRAW YOU SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TOO DRAW ANOTHER TAG REGARDLESS IF YOU'RE A LANDOWNER OR A PERSON IN THE GENERAL DRAW. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH HABITAT AND DISEASE THE GFP NEEDS TO QUIT HANDING OUT DEER TAGS IN THE LEFT OVER DRAWS. I KNOW IT'S A REVENUE. IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH DEER TOO SUSTAIN A HUNTING SEASON THEN THE LEFTOVER TAGS SHOULDN'T BE HANDED OUT. I KNOW IT WILL BE A LOSS OF PROFIT FOR THE GFP. FOR NUMBERS TO INCREASE WE NEED TO MANAGE THE LEFTOVER TAGS IN A BETTER WAY. I DON'T MEAN TAKING THE LANDOWNER TAGS AWAY IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT FEED AND MANAGE THE WILDLIFE YEAR ROUND AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A TAG.
- 2945 THE LANDOWNER LICENSE SHOULD ONLY REQUIRE 120 ACRES.
- 2957 AS THE WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY COLD DURING THE PAST SEVERAL EAST RIVER DEER RIFLE OPENERS IT WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR US OLD DUFFERS IF THE EAST RIVER DEER SEASON STARTED ONE WEEK EARLIER. WOULD YOU CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE ALSO? THANKS
- 2964 DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SEND IN FOR A TAG THIS YEAR, WAS DENIED IN BUFFALO COUNTY LAST YEAR, GOT A LAND OWNERS TAG THEN HAD A TRESPASSER WRECK MY SEASON, AND WITH THE DRAWING SYSTEM THIS YEAR I SAID THE HELL WITH IT.
- 2975 IN MY AREA THERE ARE TOO MANY DEER. I WOULD SUGGEST IN THESE AREAS WHEN THE POPULATION IS HIGH THAT ALL FIREARM SEASONS BE DOE ONLY. ARCHERY WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. IT WOULD DO TWO THINGS, 1) REDUCE THE POPULATION AND 2) ALLOW THE BUCKS TO GROW AN EXTRA YEAR WHICH WOULD MEAN MORE TROPHY ANIMALS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE PENALTY FOR "PICKUP HUNTERS" BE GREATLY INCREASED. EVERY YEAR I SEE SHOOTERS (I DON'T CALL THEM HUNTERS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT) CHASING DEER. DOES AND BUCKS UNTIL THEY CAN BARELY WALK AND THEN SHOOT THEM OUT OF THE TRUCK. VERY DISGUSTING, I HAVE TURNED THEM IN (CALLED) TIPS BUT FEW ARE EVER CAUGHT. I WOULD LIKE SUCH PEOPLE TO LOSE THEIR GUNS, TRUCK, AND ALL HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES FOR 5 YEARS MINIMUM. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY ABOUT LICENSES ALLOCATION WHICH HAPPENED TO ME A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. I HAD APPLIED FOR A BUCK ONLY TAG IN THE FIRST DRAWING AND WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. I APPLIED FOR A LEFTOVER TAG IN THE SECOND DRAWING AND WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. ALL THE LICENSES FOR THAT UNIT WERE PRESERVED TO BE SOLD; ALLOCATED. THIS WAS THE REGULAR EAST RIVER DRAWING NOT A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE APPLICATION. FAST FORWARD TO THE DATE OF THE OPENING EAST RIVER SEASON. I WAS PHEASANT HUNTING ON MY LAND WITH MY SONS AND WHAT DO I FIND. A NON-RESIDENT WITH A BUCK TAG HUNTING ON MY LAND. I WAS LIVID. I CALLED THE GFP AND THEY SAID THAT IT WASN'T POSSIBLE FOR A NON-RESIDENT TO HAVE A TAG FOR ANY TYPE FOR THAT UNIT BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL TAKEN IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DRAWINGS. I SAW THE TAG, IT WAS BUCK ONLY AND THE GUY SAID HE GOT IT IN THE SECOND DRAWING. ALL LOTTERY UNITS SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS. 1ST DRAWING: RESIDENTS OF THAT UNIT APPLIED FOR ONLY (SD

RESIDENTS). 2ND DRAWING: ALL OTHER RESIDENTS OF SD ONLY. 3RD DRAWING OPEN TO OUT OF STATE HUNTERS AND ALL SD RESIDENTS.

- 2978 LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT ANYWHERE IN THE UNIT HE HAS A LICENSE WITH LANDOWNER PERMISSION
- 2988 WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO NEVER SET FOOT ON THE LAND EXCEPT DURING HUNTING SEASON. COME WHEN THE SEASON IS ON DON'T KNOW HOW TO HUNT AND ARE JUST A BUNCH OF SPOILED RICH KIDS. THE LANDOWNER/OPERATOR SHOULD BE THAT THE OWNER & OPERATOR. THE LANDOWNER & OPERATOR SHOULD OWN 240 ACRES OF QUALITY. PEOPLE LEASE THE HUNTING RIGHTS AND ARE CALLED THE OPERATOR! NOT GOOD!
- 2990 I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FAIR FOR ONE SEASON TO ONLY GET ONE BUCK TAG FOR ALL THE FIREARM SEASONS. MEANING IF YOU APPLY FOR A BUCK TAG FOR ALL 6 SEASONS YOU CAN ONLY DRAW ONE BUCK OTHER TAGS MUST BE ANTLERLESS DEER IF STILL WANTED. EVERYONE THAT APPLIES FOR ARCHERY SHOULD BE REWARDED A TAG BECAUSE SIMPLY THERE ARE NOT AS MANY ARCHERY HUNTERS AND IT IS MORE OF A CHALLENGE TO HARVEST AN ANIMAL, MORE REWARDING.
- 2993 [expectation to draw] I AM A LANDOWNER. [landowner preference] ALSO DO AWAY WITH THE MAINTAINED FOR AG PURPOSES AND LOWER THE ACRES REQUIRED.
- 3000 WE WOULD HAVE WAY MORE DEER IF WE WOULD DECLARE WAR ON THE COYOTES. I WOULD MUCH RATHER SEE RED FOX, PHEASANT AND DEER THAN LISTEN TO THE COYOTES AT NIGHT. GO TO ANY COYOTE DEN AND YOU WILL FIND MANY FAWN BONES. I AM OPPOSED TO THE EARLY YOUTH SEASON FOR DEER. MANY OF THE FAWNS ARE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE THEIR MOTHERS TAKEN AWAY BY HUNTERS. THE FAWNS BECOME COYOTE BAIT. WHEN I STARTED HUNTING, I HAD TO HUNT ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE AND STILL GOT MY DEER.
- 3003 THE PREFERENCE POINT PROGRAM IS A SCAM THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE THEM IF GFP WANTED IT TO BE LEGIT!
- 3008 IN MY OPINION ONLY LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET ARCHERY AND RIFLE TAGS. LANDOWNERS SHOULD OPERATE AT LEAST ONE SECTION OR THEY ARE MAKING THERE MONEY IN ANOTHER FIELD! I TRULY BELIEVE ALL DEER HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE A LANDOWNER SIGN THEIR APPLICATION TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND WITHOUT SIGNATURE THEY SHOULD ONLY HUNT ON STATE OR PUBLIC LANDS. SO MANY HUNTERS WITH A PLACE TO HUNT DO NOT DRAW AND HUNTERS WITHOUT A PLACE TO HUNT ALL SEEM TO DRAW. LET'S CHANGE THIS. ONLY TWO BUCK TAGS YEARLY ONE ARCHERY ONE RIFLE.
- 3011 THANK YOU FOR THE TAGS I GOT LAST YEAR BUT DID NOT USE. BUT I HIT A DOE WITH THE CAR AND ONE WITH THE PICKUP SO I GOT 2 DEER. THANK YOU FOR DOING THE JOB YOU DO.

- 3014 I DID NOT ANSWER QUESTION 4-10 BECAUSE I ONLY HUNT ON MY OWN LAND. I DID NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 BECAUSE I ALWAYS PUT IN FOR LANDOWNER ONLY LICENSES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE GRANTED A DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR.
- 3017 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE NEEDS TO BE KEPT, BUT IT SHOULD ONLY BE VALID ON THEIR OWN LAND. LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT EASIER TO GET A LICENSE FOR THE ENTIRE UNIT, ONLY SHOULD BE A PROMISE TO GET A TAG FOR THEIR OWN LAND. PEOPLE USING LANDOWNER TAGS ON LAND THEY DON'T OWN SHOULD BE PROSECUTED.
- 3031 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3047 I APPLY AND RECEIVE A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE TAG EACH YEAR, BUT HARVEST A DEER LESS THAN 50% OF THE TIME. I SUSPECT I AM IN A COUNTY WHERE THE LANDOWNER PERMITS ARE NOT FULLY ALLOCATED. IN MY VIEW, MY PURCHASE OF A LICENSE IS A WIN-WIN FOR GFP SINCE I PAY A LICENSE FEE, BUT MANY TIMES DON'T TAKE A DEER. I WOULD HATE TO SEE ANY DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE LANDOWNER ALLOCATION.
- 3048 YOU MAY WANT TO LIMIT LANDOWNER LICENSES TO THOSE OWNERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE LAND ENROLLED IN CRP. A KIND OF QUID QUO PRO WHERE IF THE OWNER REALLY HELPS AND SUPPORTS WILDLIFE, HE IS REWARDED. THOSE WHO VIEW FARMING AS STRICTLY A BUSINESS AND DO NOT SUPPORT WILDLIFE CAN BUY A LICENSE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE INCLUDING THE MAN WHO HAS A BOOKKEEPING BUSINESS AND BELONGS TO DU AND PHEASANTS FOREVER. FINALLY, AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE WAY TO INCREASE HERD SIZE IS TO PROTECT THE DOES, NOT THE BUCKS. WHY CAN'T YOU ELIMINATE OR SEVERELY CURTAIL THE DOE KILL (NOT HARVEST) ESPECIALLY THE BONUS DEER TAGS WHICH IN MY OPINION ARE SOUGHT MAINLY BY THOSE WHO COPE WITH THE RIGORS OF THE LATE SEASON BY TURNING UP THE HEAT IN THEIR PICKUP. Y CURTAIL
- 3051 THE GF&P NEEDS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FIREARM BUCK LICENSES IN ORDER TO MANAGE FOR TROPHY BUCKS. THE FIRE ARM SEASON IS A JOKE. IT IS TOO SHORT OF A SEASON AND IT IS A FREE FOR ALL. THERE IS TOO MUCH TIME PRESSURE TO HURRY UP AND SHOOT A BUCK, ANY BUCK. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU HAVE PEOPLE BREAKING LAWS TO GET THEIR BUCK WHO ARE NORMALLY LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. (SHOOTING FROM THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, SHOOTING OUT THEIR VEHICLE WINDOWS. TRESPASSING TO RETRIEVE THE DEER THEY SHOT. CHASING DEER WITH THEIR VEHICLES. AND FIRING THEIR GUNS WITHIN 100 YARDS OF FARMS AND/OR LIVESTOCK). ALTHOUGH ADDING THAT EXTRA WEEK HAS DEFINITELY HELPED WITH THIS BEHAVIOR. IN ADDITION, WITH SUCH A SHORT FIREARM SEASON, HUNTERS ARE SHOOTING THE YOUNGER BUCKS WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN A WALL HANGER FOR SOMEONE IN 4 OR 5 YEARS. THEY AREN'T PASSING THE YOUNGER ONES UP BECAUSE THEY DON'T THINK THEY WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO SHOOT AN OLDER BUCK BEFORE THE SEASON ENDS. I ALSO THINK THE GAME, FISH AND PARKS SHOULD REWARD THE FARMER AND/OR RANCHERS WHO PROVIDE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE. GIVE THE FARMERS WHO HAVE AT LEAST 50 ACRES OF CRP OR THE LIKE AND/OR HAVE

PLANTED A SHELTER BELT WITHIN THE LAST 20 YEARS A FREE BUCK LICENSE. AS FOR THE FARMERS AND/OR RANCHERS WHO DON'T PROVIDE THE HABITAT, GUARANTEE THEM A LICENSE BUT MAKE THEM PAY THE REGULAR LICENSE PRICE.

- 3060 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER/ THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE DRAWN, NOT JUST FOR LANDOWNER TAGS.
- 3064 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3065 TOO MANY APPLICANTS DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO HUNT FROM LANDOWNER
- 3068 YOU SHOULD HAVE DEER SEASON IN ZIEBACH COUNTY (UNIT 64) RUN THROUGH THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. IT WAS THAT WAY BACK IN THE 70'S. FAMILY AND FRIENDS COME HOME FOR THANKSGIVING AND LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HUNT DEER AND MAKE SAUSAGE.
- 3077 CONSIDER GETTING RID OF A TWO TAG SYSTEM. ISSUE A BUCK ONLY TAG OR A SINGLE DOE TAG AND A TWO DOE TAG. A LOT OF HUNTERS ARE ISSUED A BUCK/DOE TAG AND ONLY FILLING THE BUCK TAG LEAVING A LOT OF UNFILLED DOE TAGS THAT COULD BE ISSUED TO A LOT MORE HUNTERS.
- 3082 [landowner preference] FAMILY FARM
- 3085 [landowner preference] COULD BE RAISED TO 240 ACRES. [general comment] I USUALLY APPLY FOR A LANDOWNER LICENSE, HOWEVER, I VERY SELDOM SHOOT A BUCK AND I OCCASIONALLY DON'T EVEN HUNT. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THIS MIGHT BE TRUE FOR SEVERAL LANDOWNERS.
- 3099 I THINK IF A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR APPLIES FOR A LICENSE WE SHOULD BE GIVEN ONE REGARDLESS OF A % RATE.
- 3113 NON-LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LANDOWNER SIGN THEIR LICENSE APPLICATION SO THAT THEY HAVE A PLACE TO HUNT AND NOT TRESPASS ON THE REST OF US .
- 3121 LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GET A DEER LICENSE! I THINK EVERYTHING SHOULD STAY THE SAME.
- 3122 I AM A LANDOWNER AND EXPECT TO HUNT THE DEER THAT FEED OF MY LAND. LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE EVERY YEAR. I JUST FEEL AS A LANDOWNER THAT WE SHOULD GET A TAG BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE. WE FEED AND LOSE CROPS EVERY YEAR AND NON LANDOWNERS DON'T HAVE THAT WORRY. I OWN LAND EAST AND WEST RIVER AND HAVE A LOT OF DEER ON OUR PROPERTY EVERY YEAR. IF I DON'T GET A TAG, I WILL NOT LET ANYONE HUNT ON OUR PROPERTY. IF ALL LANDOWNERS DO THIS WHERE ARE ALL YOUR HUNTERS GOING TO GO?
- 3147 CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO TIE BUCK LICENSING TO ANTLERLESS DEER. IN PORTIONS OF BUTTE COUNTY WE ARE OVER RUN WITH WHITETAIL. AND

WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL LICENSING CLOSER OR DURING HUNTING SEASON TO HARVEST MORE.

- 3157 I LIVE IN CENTRAL MEADE COUNTY. ON OUR PROPERTY IN THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE HAD HEMORRHAGIC (SP) AND BLUE TONGUE WHICH HAS DROPPED THE DEER NUMBERS DOWN 85 PERCENT OF NORMAL NUMBERS. SOME AREAS ALONG THE RIVER HAVE AMPLE NUMBERS. ON OUR PROPERTY, IF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHOT THE NORMAL NUMBER OF DEER, THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY LEFT. SOME FAMILY MEMBERS DID NOT EVEN SEND IN FOR A LICENSE. I FEEL THERE WERE FAR TOO MANY BUCK LICENSES SOLD FOR OUR UNIT.
- 3163 LANDOWNER PERMIT, I ALWAYS GET A LICENSE BUT RARELY GO HUNTING. I ALWAYS APPLY FOR A LANDOWNER LICENSE BUT RARELY GO HUNTING. I AM RETIRED AND 80 YEARS OF AGE.
- 3173 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER I RAISE/FEED THEM! [preference points] VERY CONFUSING QUESTION? HOW DO YOU MAKE IT WITH GREATER WEIGHT? ALREADY THAT WAY ISN'T IT? [landowner preference] 360 [general comment] I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF GIVING PRIORITY TO PEOPLE GETTING A LICENSE WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTY. AS YOUR SURVEY POINTED OUT THAT IT IS NOT FAIR FOR ONE PERSON TO GET MULTIPLE LICENSES FOR MULTIPLE COUNTIES, AND OTHER PEOPLE NOT TO GET A LICENSES EVER WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTY WHERE THEY LIVE AND PAY TAXES. AND THEN ANY LEFTOVER LICENSES WITHIN EACH COUNTY, AFTER LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR LICENSE, I WOULD RATHER SEE LEFTOVER LICENSE GO TO OUT OF STATES WHO SPEND MUCH MORE MONEY IN SD THAN THE LOCAL HUNTERS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO GET TO SD AND ONCE THEY GET HERE THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO STAY, A PLACE TO HUNT, PLACE TO EAT, SHOPPING, ETC AND SPEND A LOT OF MONEY LOCALLY. RANCHERS AND FARMERS WHO TAKE IN HUNTERS AND OUR STATE MAKE MOST OF THEIR MONEY ON THE OUT OF STATERS, BECAUSE THE LOCAL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE WITHIN THEIR COUNTY, SPEND VERY LITTLE OUTSIDE MONEY OTHER THAN THEIR LICENSE BECAUSE THEY GO HOME EACH NIGHT TO EAT, SLEEP, ETC WHILE OUT OF STATERS HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL THOSE AMENITIES. WE NORMALLY TAKE IN DEER HUNTERS BUT WILL MAKE NOTHING THIS YEAR BECAUSE NO ONE HUNTING ON OUR PROPERTY WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO DRAW A LICENSE, YET LOCAL PEOPLE WILL SHOOT OUR DEER I'M SURE. IN SUMMARY, I THINK SD AND SD PRODUCERS WHO RAISE AND FEED THE DEER COULD BOTH MAKE A LOT MORE MONEY IF WE LIMITED THE IN STATERS TO HUNTING WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTY WHERE THEY LIVE, MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO FAMILY MEMBERS SO KIDS LEAVING HOME HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A LICENSE TO COME BACK TO THE FAMILY FARM AS LANDOWNER CHILDREN AND HUNT WITH FAMILY, AND THEN DRAW IN OUT OF STATERS TO FILL THE EXCESS LICENSES WITHIN EACH COUNTY.
- 3174 THE WEB APPLICATION PROCESS COULD BE MADE MORE USER FRIENDLY.
- 3176 I BELIEVE AS A LANDOWNER AND ALSO INVOLVED IN A HUNTING OPERATION THE LANDOWNER SHOULD BE ALLOWED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LICENSES

ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT OF LAND HE OWNS AND BE ABLE TO TAKE IN
PAY HUNTERS WITH THESE LICENSES

- 3177 IF YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE PREFERENCE POINTS SYSTEM TO ENABLE
THOSE WITH A HIGHER NUMBER OF PREFERENCE POINTS TO HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE OF RECEIVING A TAG IT SHOULD ALSO BE DONE FOR THE RESIDENT
ELK ALSO.
- 3186 THE LANDOWNER PAYS THE FULL PRICE OF RAISING THE STATES DEER HERD.
THEY THEN SHOULD BE ABLE TO HARVEST AS MANY DEER AS THEY WANT
WITHIN REASON. WITH THAT, EVERY QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE ABLE
TO HAVE AN ANY BUCK TAG THEN AT LEAST 1 OR MORE ANTLERLESS TAGS
PER PERSON. DEER ARE VERY EXPENSIVE TO HAVE AROUND! THE STATE USE
TO GIVE LANDOWNERS A FREE ANTLERLESS TAG WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT?
THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHOOT WHAT THEY WANT THEN THE
GENERAL PUBLIC GETS WHAT'S LEFT. WITHOUT LANDOWNERS THE GENERAL
PUBLIC WOULD HAVE VERY FEW DEER AND NO PLACE OR LITTLE PLACES TO
HUNT. AS FAR AS REDUCED DEER POPULATIONS THIS YEAR THE G & F MISSED
THEIR COUNT BY A LOT WE HAVE FAR TOO MANY DEER. I WOULD LOVE TO
SEND THE STATE THE BILL FOR ALL THE DAMAGE THE DEER DO TO MY CROPS!
- 3192 I THINK THAT AROUND OUR LAND THE DEER HAVE BECOME VERY FEW I
WOULD LOVE TO SEE A YEAR OFF OF HUNTING DEER TO BRING THE NUMBERS
BACK. AFTER ARCHERY SEASON WE FIND QUITE A FEW DEAD DEER WITH
ARROWS IN THEM I'M SURE DUE TO THE FACT THEY CAN'T TRACK THEM WELL
AFTER THEY HAVE SHOT THEM. WE USUALLY APPLY FOR A LANDOWNER DEER
LICENSE BUT DON'T ALWAYS HUNT OR FILL THAT LICENSE. THIS IS JUST MY
OPINION. THANK YOU
- 3218 I'VE BEEN A RANCHER/FARMER ALL MY LIFE AND (35 YEARS) FOR THE LIFE OF
ME I CAN NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE GFP WOULD WANT TO HAVE ISSUED
LESS LICENSES FOR 2014. DEER DO NOTHING BUT MULTIPLY AND EAT OFF
OUR CROPS AND WRECK EVERY FENCE AND GATE A RANCHER HAS. THE ONLY
WAY A BUCK LICENSE SHOULD BE ISSUED TO A NON LANDOWNER IS IF HE
APPLIES AND SHOOTS A DOE FIRST AND ALL LANDOWNER APPLICANTS
SHOULD OWN AT LEAST 500 ACRES. THE 160 ACRE ALLOTMENT JUST ALLOWS
THEM TO TRESPASS ON TO THE NEIGHBORS LAND. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO
HARVEST THE HEAVY DEER POPULATION ON THE ROADWAYS AND EVEN
DODGING THEM COULD TAKE A HUMAN LIFE. I REALIZE IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY
TO THE GFP SO I KNOW NOTHING WILL GET CHANGED TO HELP THE FARMER
AND RANCHER.
- 3220 I AM HAPPY WITH THE CURRENT LICENSING PROCESS.
- 3222 I FEEL THAT ONE DEER PER HUNTER SHOULD BE ALL THAT YOU CAN TAKE
PER YEAR. THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR ANY FAMILY AND YOU WOULD
ONLY HAVE ONE CHOICE: FIREARM, ARCHERY, OR MUZZLELOADER NOT ALL
THREE. IN THE PAST THERE WAS SOME YEARS IF YOU DID ALL 3 I WAS TOLD
YOU COULD GET UP TO 7 DEER. TO ME THAT'S A WASTE NO FAMILY NEEDS
THAT MANY. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EAST RIVER FIREARMS SEASON
MOVED TO AN EARLY DATE. WITH AN EARLIER START SOME DEER WOULD

STILL BE IN RUT AND THE WEATHER SHOULD BE A LITTLE WARMER AND THE WEATHER SHOULD BE A LITTLE WARMER. THE LAST FEW YEARS IT BEEN VERY COLD THE LAST WEEK WITH SNOW.

3232 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

3236 WE ARE LANDOWNERS AND DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT TO GIVE ANY SUGGESTION. I DO THINK YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE HUNTING IN BUTTE CO - ARPAN RD TO MUZZLELOADER DUE TO SAFETY. I THINK ANYBODY WHO SHOOTS A BUCK NEEDS TO SHOOT A DOE ALSO, WEST RIVER.

3241 ONE OR TWO YEARS OF ISSUING NO LICENSES TO BRING BACK THE NUMBERS.

3282 THIS IS A HARD SURVEY FOR ME. I HAVE ALWAYS GOTTEN A LICENSE BEING I AM A LANDOWNER NOT SURE OF MY ANSWERS.

3283 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND WEST RIVER

3292 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER

3294 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY. [general comment] I WOULD NOT CHANGE THE 160 ACRES TO LESS ACRES. I THINK 160 ACRES IS JUST RIGHT.

3302 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN OPTION FOR LAND OWNERS WHO OPERATE A HUNTING OUTFITTER OPERATION OR GUIDE SERVICE ON THEIR LAND TO PURCHASE DEER TAGS THAT CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR HUNTING CLIENTS FOR USE IN HARVESTING OF DEER UPON THE LAND OWNED BY THE LANDOWNER OUTFITTER OR LANDOWNER GUIDE. GFP DOES NOTHING TO ENHANCE ANIMAL POPULATIONS UPON PRIVATE LANDS, AND LANDOWNERS WHO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES PAY FOR AND EXECUTE BASICALLY ALL HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEER THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF DEER HARVESTED UPON THEIR LANDS, AND PROVIDE TAGS AS THEY SEE FIT TO PAID HUNTING CLIENTS. THE LANDOWNER HAS NO INTEREST IN WIPING OUT OR DAMAGING DEER HERDS AS THIS IS CONTRARY TO THEIR BUSINESS MODEL!

3305 MY COMPLAINT IS WHEN NONRESIDENTS CAN BUY SEVERAL LEFT OVER ANY DEER TAGS, AFTER 2 OR 3 DRAWING. IF THAT IS GF&P THOUGHTS SELL TAGS AND GET MONEY AND LET NONRESIDENTS COME TO OUR STATE AND SHOOT A DOZEN BUCKS (SLOB HUNTING), THEN WHY DON'T YOU SELL NONRESIDENT FISHERMEN OR PHEASANT HUNTERS 10 LICENSES AND LET THEM CATCH 40 WALLEYES OR SHOOT 30 PHEASANTS A DAY, IF YOU JUST WANT TO SELL MORE LICENSES AND GET MONEY!!!!

3313 I KEEP RESPONDING AND TAKING YOUR SURVEYS. WHY WILL YOU NOT RESPOND BACK TO ME ABOUT THE ISSUES I HAVE WITH YOU. I AM A RESIDENT OF SD AND AN OPERATOR OF OVER 2000 ACRES. WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU TO RESPOND TO MY CONCERNS? MY NAME IS [NAME REMOVED] MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS [address removed] AND MY PHONE NUMBER IS [number removed].

- 3339 FREE LANDOWNERS LICENSE (MOST PREFERRED) WE SEEM TO BE A SOURCE FOR THEIR FOOD.
- 3350 SEPARATE PRIVATE LAND FROM PUBLIC LAND. IT IS AMAZING THAT YOU GUYS HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF THAT. PRIVATE ISN'T THE SAME AS PUBLIC LAND. SEPARATE IT AND MOST OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WOULD GO AWAY. ROAD HUNTING DEER IS RAMPANT ACROSS THE STATE.
- 3352 1. YOUTH SEASON IS TOO LONG, ARCHERY HUNTING AND SMALL GAME HUNTING ON PUBLIC GROUND GETS DANGEROUS WITH BOTH SEASONS OPEN. 2. BUCK QUALITY FAIRLY POOR STATEWIDE, CUT TAGS EVERY OTHER YEAR OR ANTLER TYPE RESTRICTIONS? TOO MANY PERSONS SHOOTING SMALL BUCKS WITH THE 'ITS GOT HORNS' MENTALITY. 3. NEED MORE FOLLOW-UP ON 'LANDOWNER TAGS' AND WHO IS APPLYING FOR THEM, ALSO FOLLOW THROUGH TO MAKE SURE THESE TAGS ARE GETTING USED ONLY ON LAND OWNED OR OPERATED.
- 3357 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR, LANDOWNER. AS A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR I APPRECIATE THAT IT IS RELATIVELY CHEAP AND EASY FOR ME TO LEGALLY HARVEST A DEER. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE LANDOWNER/OPERATOR SYSTEM, IT WILL ONLY RESULT IN MORE DEER BEING HARVESTED ILLEGALLY. I WOULD ALSO SUPPORT ISSUING MORE WEST RIVER DEER PERMITS IN GENERAL. DEER ARE A CONSTANT HAZARD WHEN DRIVING AT DUSK OR EARLY MORNINGS.
- 3364 THE DEER POPULATION IN NORTH EASTERN PENNINGTON IS DOWN 75% FROM THE ATLAS BLIZZARD AND PREDATORS ALONG WITH PUBLIC HUNTERS HAS CAUSED THIS. I ENCOURAGE STRONG PREDATOR CONTROL, MAINLY COYOTES.
- 3372 I FEEL THAT HUNTERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HARVEST DEER IN ALL THE SEASONS. ARCHERY, RIFLE, MUZZLELOADER, SOME DRAW MULTIPLES IN MORE THAN ONE.
- 3388 HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF AVAILABLE LICENSES SHOULD GO TO RESIDENT LANDOWNERS.
- 3390 LANDOWNERS WHO FEED AND HAVE DAMAGE (WHICH IS NOT RECOVERED FORM GFP WHICH STILL COLLECT FROM LANDOWNERS) SHOULD GET FREE LICENSES. AND NEVER BE DENIED A LANDOWNER LICENSE REGARDLESS OF QUOTA OF LICENSES ALLOCATED. IF I DON'T GET A LICENSE NO ONE HUNTS MY GROUND.
- 3393 [expectations to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3441 WE NEED A LANDOWNER ARCHERY TAG. YES, WE CAN SHOOT OUR DEER WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT, BUT ONLY DURING RIFLE SEASON. WE WOULD LIKE THE WHOLE ARCHERY SEASON.
- 3443 INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT LICENSE NUMBERS LET'S PUT A SIZE RESTRICTION ON IT SO THESE OUT OF STATE, "TOWN", AND INEXPERIENCED

HUNTERS THAT DON'T CARE ABOUT SIZE ONLY " SHOOTING A BUCK" THAT WILL MAKE SOUTH DAKOTA HAVE BIGGER BUCKS AND MORE EDUCATED HUNTERS

- 3444 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3451 SHORTEN EAST RIVER DEER SEASON TO 2 WEEKENDS TOO MUCH TRESPASSING AND ILLEGAL HUNTING FROM ROADS RIGHT NOW. LICENSING PERFECT
- 3456 I THINK 1 ARCHERY TAG EAST RIVER AND ONE WEST RIVER PER HUNTER. SAME WITH FIREARM SEASON. 1 EAST RIVER ONE WEST RIVER. MORE SHOULD BE DONE EAST RIVER. COVER FOR DEER AND BIRDS WORK WITH US, THE FARMER. IF IT'S 5 ACRES TO 500 ACRES EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IT WOULD ALL HELP.
- 3461 I THINK THE PROCESS IN USE IS VERY GOOD. LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE BETTER CHANCE GETTING LICENSE BECAUSE THEY FEED THE DEER SOMEWHAT. THE DEER WRECK SOME OF THEIR CROPS IF THEY FEEL LIKE. IF YOU PLANT TREES THEY CAN RAISE HECK WITH THEM IF THEY FEEL LIKE IT. IT COSTS THE LANDOWNER SOMETHING FOR THE DEER TO RUN FREE WHY SHOULD THEY NOT GET A LITTLE BIT BACK IN RETURN?
- 3464 WITH STORM ATLAS, WE SUPPORT WHAT GFP HAS DONE TO OUR NUMBER OF LICENSES. BUT WHEN OUR NUMBERS RETURN SO SHOULD OUR LICENSES.
- 3465 I THINK THE LANDOWNER SHOULD RECEIVE BUCK LICENSES BASED UPON THE AMOUNT OF ACRES OWNED. THEN THE LANDOWNER COULD DECIDE WHO GOT THE LICENSES. THE LANDOWNER WOULD BE LIMITED ON THE NUMBER OF BUCKS HARVESTED BY HIM OR A FAMILY MEMBER RESIDING THERE. THE LAST DOE SEASON SHOULD BE EARLIER AS MANY ANTLERLESS DEER SHOT ARE ACTUALLY BUCKS THAT HAVE LOST THEIR HORNS. ALSO THE PREGNANCY OF THE DOE WOULD NOT BE SO ADVANCED.
- 3480 BEING A LANDOWNER, AND OPERATOR, I FEEL THAT I SHOULD BE ALLOWED AT LEAST ONE BUCK LICENSE PER YEAR, AND IF I BOW HUNTED I SHOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE BUCK LICENSE PER YEAR ALONG WITH THE RIFLE LICENSE.
- 3483 LANDOWNERS ARE THE REASON THERE ARE DEER TO HUNT. DON'T MESS WITH LANDOWNERS' ABILITY TO ACQUIRE TAGS.
- 3519 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF IT WAS ON A "SQUARED" SYSTEM, MUCH LIKE ND....2 PREFERENCE IS 4 POINTS, 3 IS 9 POINTS, 4 IS 16...ETC.
- 3523 AS A LANDOWNER AND HUNTER, I SEE FAR TOO MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT TO HARVEST BUCKS. IN OUR AREA, (AURORA COUNTY) WE HAVE FAR TOO MANY DEER. FEW HUNTERS WANT TO SHOOT ANTLERLESS DEER. HAVING GROWN UP IN THIS AREA, IT WAS UNUSUAL TO SEE A DEER. NOW IT IS UNUSUAL NOT

TO SEE A DEER, BUT AGAIN FEW PEOPLE WANT TO SHOOT ANTLERLESS DEER. WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH DISEASE?

- 3524 LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE ONE WEEK LONGER TO HUNT. STARTING ONE WEEK SOONER. THE FARMER FEEDS THE DEER ALL YEAR LONG.
- 3527 I FARM AND FEED YOUR DEER AND FEED THEM GOOD! I STILL HAVE TO BUY A LICENSE TO PROTECT MY LAND! YOU SHOULD PAY ME INSTEAD OF ME PAYING YOU. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH DAMAGE WILDLIFE DOES TO OUR CROPS? (PHEASANTS, DUCKS, GEESE, DEER, BADGER). YOU PEOPLE NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT! AT TODAY'S INPUT COSTS WILDLIFE DAMAGE IS HUGE! YOU PEOPLE WORRY ABOUT THE WRONG THINGS. THANK YOU.
- 3534 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES ONE THAT ATTAINS A LICENSE TO HAVE TO INDICATE WHAT TRACTS OF LAND THEY WILL BE HUNTING. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE LAND TO HUNT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET A LICENSE. THERE ARE TOO MANY ROAD HUNTERS AND TOO MANY PEOPLE CHASING DEER ILLEGALLY. THAT WOULD TAKE 50% OF THE HUNTERS OUT OF THE EQUATION... THEY ARE TAKING THE FAIR CHASE OUT OF HUNTING.
- 3549 I GET A LANDOWNER'S LICENSE JUST ABOUT EVERY YEAR AND ONLY TAKE A DEER 50% OF THE TIME. I FEEL THAT I FEED THE DEER ON MY CROPS EVERY YEAR GIVING ME THE RIGHT TO SHOOT ONE. THE LANDOWNER LICENSE NEEDS TO STAY AS IS. BESIDES WHEN THE OUT OF COUNTY PEOPLE WANT TO HUNT ON MY PLACE I CAN TELL THEM NO BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO FILL MY TAG.
- 3552 I BELIEVE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WITH THAT SAID LIMITING THE SINGLE BUCK LICENSE FOR A LANDOWNER WOULD BE HIGHLY UNFAIR. AS A LANDOWNER WE PROVIDE HABITAT 12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR FOR ALL WILDLIFE. IT'S A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE GRANTED TO THOSE OF US THAT PROVIDE THE HABITAT. AS A FAMILY WE HARVEST ONE DEER A YEAR AND SUPPORT UP TO A COUPLE HUNDRED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR TO HAVE A BIT OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.
- 3553 HOW MANY NON-RESIDENT BUCK TAGS ARE SOLD? SHOULD RESIDENTS GET 1ST CHOICE? SHOULD PEOPLE GET A PREFERENCE IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY LIVE IN? MAKE A SYSTEM IF A BUCK TAG IS NOT USED YOU WOULD SEND IT BACK - YOU WOULD GET PREFERENCE IN THE NEXT SEASON - THIS WOULD MAKE HUNTERS MORE SELECTIVE AND RAISE THE QUALITY OF THE HARVEST.
- 3557 I APPLY FOR LANDOWNER IF NOT SUCCESSFUL. I FEEL THAT DEER HUNTERS SHOULD NOT HAVE MORE THAN 3 LICENSES IN A YEAR. AS A LANDOWNER, MAYBE SOME WILL DISAGREE BUT THE DEER AT TIMES DO DAMAGE TO OUR CROPS AND TREES AND I REALIZE THAT THEY HAVE TO EAT TOO. BUT WE ARE PART OF THE PROCESS OF THE HABITAT FOR THE DEER SO I FEEL WE SHOULD IF SO DESIRED BE ABLE TO HUNT THE LAND WE FARM. WE DON'T HAVE A LICENSE BY THE DRAWING, ONLY AS LANDOWNERS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ACRES DOWN TO ABOUT 80 NOT THE 160 BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME THAT DON'T OWN THAT MUCH.

- 3560 IF YOU WANT MORE DEER AND PHEASANTS GET RID OF THE PREDATORS.
- 3565 LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE PREFERENCE AND SHOULD ALWAYS RECEIVE A LICENSE IF APPLIED FOR AT A REDUCED COST OR FREE. DON'T FORGET WHO FEEDS THE DEER - MOSTLY LANDOWNERS WHO PUT UP WITH THEIR DEPREDATION NOT GFP. YOU SHOULD ASK LANDOWNERS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE DEER HERDS IN THEIR AREAS NOT A DECISION BEING MADE BY SOMEONE IN PIERRE (OR ELSEWHERE) THAT DOESN'T LIVE WITH THEM EVERY DAY. WHEN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER LISTS SEVERAL DEER/VEHICLE ACCIDENTS EVERY WEEK MAYBE THERE'S MORE DEER AROUND THAN YOU THINK, PLEASE CONSULT LANDOWNERS WHEN DECIDING HOW MANY LICENSES YOU MAKE AVAILABLE EACH SEASON. ALSO, MAKE ALL LICENSES (NOT ONLY ANTLERLESS) VALID FOR THE DEC. 27-JAN .4 SEASON. ISN'T THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING LICENSES TO CONTROL THE DEER POPULATION?
- 3569 I LIKE THAT JACKSON COUNTY THIS YEAR WE HAD 1 ANY WHITETAIL TAG. IT SEEMS MULEY'S ARE STARTING TO REBOUND.
- 3577 I THINK EVERY LANDOWNER SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A TWO DEER LICENSE.
- 3586 I SUGGEST THAT ANY LANDOWNER THAT FEED YOUR DEER SHOULD NOT NEED LICENSE! WE DO OUR PART TO FEED AND SUPPORT PROGRAM!
- 3596 IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT DEER NUMBERS AND QUALITY, YOU'VE ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION. SOME HUNTERS HAVE UP TO 10 BUCK TAGS. LIMIT THAT TO TWO, ONE ARCHERY AND ONE RIFLE. AS A LANDOWNER I WOULD GIVE UP LANDOWNER PREFERENCE EAST RIVER TO HUNT WEST RIVER IN THE RIFLE SEASON. HABITAT MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED ALSO. SOME AREAS ARE OK HABITAT-WISE BUT LAND AVAILABILITY IS NOT THERE. FINALLY, LIMITING ARCHERY TAGS I DO NOT BELIEVE IS A GREAT OPTION AS IT PROVIDES MUCH HUNTING TIME FOR PEOPLE WITH A SMALLER SUCCESS RATE. THIS ACCOMPLISHES TWO PARTS FOR PEOPLE IF THEY DO HARVEST, TIME IN THE FIELD AND HARVEST. LIMITING ARCHERY ACCESS WOULD BE MY LAST OPTION IN THE WHOLE SURVEY.
- 3598 GOOD SURVEY THANKS!
- 3602 AGAIN WITH EVERYTHING ELSE TECHNOLOGY IS MAKING DEER HUNTING TOO EASY THE BOWS, RIFLES, SCOPES, 4 WHEELERS, DEER ATTRACTANTS, TRUCKS, ETC HAVE NOT GIVEN DEER A CHANCE ANYMORE. I THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY SEASONS AND WHY DO SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO POSSESS MORE THAN 2 TAGS. I KNOW FAMILIES THAT STRICTLY LIVE ON DEER AND HAVE A LOT OF TAGS, THOSE TAGS SHOULD BE LIMITED. AS A LANDOWNER WE KEEP THE POPULATION IN CHECK AND HARVEST MATURE BUCKS AND A FEW DOES. COULD YOU USE A POINT SYSTEM TO BUY DEER TAGS LIKE YOU ARE ALLOTTED SO MANY POINTS EACH LICENSE IS ALLOTTED POINTS SO YOU WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO PURCHASE AND IF YOU WANT MORE POINTS YOU PAY FOR THEM TO BUY EXTRA DEER TAGS. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOME RANCHERS, FARMERS THAT HAVE DEER DON'T LET ANYONE HUNT BUT YET THEY ARE THE FRIST TO COMPLAIN ABOUT DEER

ISSUES. WITH THE LIMITED COVER NOW AND CRP GONE THE DEER POPULATION IN SD WILL HAVE A HARD TIME RECOVERING. NO COVER = NO DEER, PHEASANTS AND WATERFOWL. WHY NOT GO TO ALL SLUG/SHOTGUN HUNTING AND MAKE THESE HUNTERS ACTUALLY HUNT. A 100 YARD SHOT IS MORE LIKE HUNTING YOU HAVE GUNS THAT CAN SHOOT 600 YARDS + AND SCOPES THAT ARE FAR SUPERIOR THEN THEY WERE 30 YEARS AGO. I HUNT OUT OF A STAND DON'T WALK ANYTHING ANYMORE AND WATCH THE STEADY STREAM OF PICK UPS DRIVE AROUND THE SECTION. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM PUBLIC GROUNDS. ALSO WPAS ARE EITHER GRAZED, BURNED, BALED FOR HAY SO THERE ARE LESS PLACES TO HUNT. WE HAVE ALL THIS PUBLIC GROUND BUT THEY ARE USELESS WHEN THE COVER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THEM.

- 3605 I HAVE SAID FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS THAT A HUNTER SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HARVEST ONE DEER PER HUNTER REGARDLESS OF SEX.
- 3610 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3614 [landowner preference] DID LAST 17 YEARS MOVED NOW NOT ELIGIBLE
- 3619 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 3621 THERE IS NO REASON FOR ARCHERY TO HAVE A GUARANTEED LICENSE. LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET LICENSES EVERY YEAR. THE LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO FEED THE DEER YEAR ROUND, WHICH TAKES AWAY FROM CROP PRODUCTIVITY.
- 3623 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3647 I THINK THE PRICE OF CRP LAND VS CROP LAND NEEDS TO COME UP AND THAT WOULD MAKE IT MORE LIKELY FARMERS WILL PUT IT IN CRP THEN CROP LAND. THIS WOULD MAKE OUR # OF DEER AND PHEASANTS GO UP
- 3648 AS A LANDOWNER I FEEL WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LANDOWNER AND A FIRST DRAWING TAG. THEY ARE EATING MY CROPS TO SURVIVE SO I SHOULD BE COMPENSATED AND THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO DO IT.
- 3649 I THINK COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE AT GETTING A TAG. (FOR EXAMPLE) SIOUX FALLS PEOPLE COME HUNT WITH NO GROUND TO HUNT AND ROAD HUNT. ENDS UP MAKING OUR HUNT NOT VERY ENJOYABLE.
- 3655 I ALSO BELIEVE HUNTERS WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY WANT TO HUNT SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER OUT OF COUNTY HUNTERS. BEING A RURAL STATE MOST OF THESE HUNTERS ARE SOMEHOW WORKING OR INVOLVED WITH FARMING AND WOULD LIKE TO HUNT IN THEIR COUNTY. THERE SHOULD BE A WAY FOR THEM TO HAVE FIRST PICK. THANKS
- 3658 I BELIEVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS WORKING WELL. LANDOWNERS ARE FOR THE MOST PART VERY GENEROUS AND EASY TO GET ALONG WITH. DO NOT LIMIT THEIR CURRENT RIGHTS TO HUNT THEIR OWN LAND.

- 3664 LANDOWNER-OPERATORS SHOULD RECEIVE A FREE DEER TAG. FOR WE FEED THEM AND PUT UP WITH FEED DAMAGE. THANK YOU
- 3671 DON'T TRY AND FIX SOMETHING THAT ISN'T BROKE. LEAVE EVERYTHING HOW IT CURRENTLY IS.
- 3674 I AM A YANKTON CO. LANDOWNER OF 1500 ACRES. 07 UNIT SHOULD BE SPLIT, THE SOUTH PART ALONG THE RIVER SHOULD HAVE MANY MORE PERMITS FOR NON-LANDOWNERS, BUCK & DOE. WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY DEER, THEY EAT 10% OF OUR CROP. IT COSTS \$300-\$400 PER ACRE TO PUT IN A CROP. GF&P COULD COMPENSATE THE OWNER FOR THE LOSE, OR MORE PERMITS. ISSUING ONLINE MORE PERMITS IN DECEMBER WILL NOT WORK, RATHER LANDOWNERS MUST DECIDE WHO & HOW CAN HUNT OUR LAND! COULD GFP GIVE US THE PERMITS AND WE DISTRIBUTE THEM (LIKE 20 PERMITS) TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD RESPECT OUR LAND.
- 3683 I'M NOT SURE WHY BUCK LICENSES ARE THE ONLY SUBJECT IN THIS SURVEY. WITH DEER POPULATION LOW, WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH HOW MANY DOES ARE TAKEN. ONE BUCK CAN BREED SEVERAL DOES. WEATHER, HABITAT LOSS AND DISEASE HAVE TAKEN A TOLL ON THE PRAIRIE, BUT THE AVAILABLE OF 5 ARCHERY DEER TAGS FOR BOTH MUZZLELOADER AND ARCHERY TOOK A WORSE TOLL IN THE BLACK HILLS. AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF LIMITING LICENSES TO A BUCK ONLY WITH 2 POINTS ON AT LEAST ONE SIDE AND LIMITED DOE AND ANY DEER TAGS FOR A 9 DAY SEASON THE BLACK HILLS DEER HERD WAS IN GOOD SHAPE. IF IT AIN'T BROKE, WHY FIX IT? I THINK 5000 BUCK ONLY TAGS COULD BE ISSUED NOW TO GIVE MORE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY AND THE POPULATION WOULDN'T BE HURT. AS FOR ARCHERY, THAT'S THE LAST CHANCE AVAILABLE TO SHOOT A BUCK OR TRY TO EVERY YEAR. NOW IT TOOK 2 OR 3 YEARS TO GET A BLACK HILLS RIFLE TAG AND MANY HUNTERS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY SPOTS. WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE LEFT? PART OF THE REASON THERE ARE SO MANY ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE THE LAX REGULATION OR LACK OF TO MAKE IT EASIER. ARCHERY HUNTING USED TO BE CALLED DOING IT THE HARD WAY. NOW LIGHTED SITE PINS ARE ALLOWED ALONG WITH 80% LET OFF AND PIN THAT CAN BE SIGHTED IN TO 100 YARDS. I GUESS CROSS BOWS ARE NEXT. I HAVEN'T GOT ANY ADJUSTMENT COMPOUND BOWS, BUT HOW MUCH TECHNOLOGY CAN BE ALLOWED? NO WONDER EVERYBODY APPLIES FOR ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER INSTEAD. A MUZZLELOADER WITH FIBER OPTIC SIGHTS IS JUST CURRENT MODERN RIFLE. IF DEER WERE MANAGED FOR THE LARGEST HEALTHY HERD POSSIBLE MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND YOU'D HAVE YOUR ADDITIONAL REVENUE. IT'S SAD WHEN A RESIDENT CAN'T HUNT A BUCK FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN OUR OWN STATE.
- 3699 I THINK THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IS A GOOD AND FAIR WAY ESPECIALLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT DEER SOMETIMES DO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO FIELD CROPS AND ALSO TO YOUNG TREES AND ESPECIALLY GARDENS.
- 3703 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER [archery buck license quota] WOULD LIKE TO SEE ARCHERY DEER SEASON SHORTENED TO END WITH RIFLE SEASON OR AT LEAST A LITTLE LESS. WOULD ALSO LIKE LANDOWNER SEASON OPENED EARLIER SO DEER AREN'T RUN SO BAD AT FIRST. [preference points] WOULD

REALLY LIKE TO SEE A "TRUE" DRAW WHERE EVERYONE GETS AN "EQUAL" CHANCE AT A BUCK. LOTS OF CRAZIES OUT THERE GOING AFTER "HORNS" PREFER A MEDIUM DOE OR FAWN MYSELF. [current allocation process] HAVE A TRUE DRAW UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM THOSE WITH MOST TO SPEND GET MORE POINTS.

- 3713 I THINK THE LAND OWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND AND IT WOULD BE UP TO THEM WHAT THEY WANT TO SHOOT, EITHER A DOE OR BUCK ON THEIR OWN LAND --NOT PUBLIC LAND BUT THEIR OWN!! THE PRESENT LAND OWNER LICENSE IS FINE, DOESN'T NEED FIXING AT ALL---I'M A LANDOWNER
- 3715 HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE A PLACE TO HUNT BEFORE THEY APPLY.
- 3717 WE NEED MORE HUNTERS NOT HUNTING HORNS AND HUNTING FOR FOOD. MOST BUCK LICENSE HUNTERS ARE JUST HUNTING THE HORNS AND DON'T DO ANYTHING WITH THE MEAT, SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS.
- 3720 A BROADER RANGE OF INPUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED. ESPECIALLY NUMBER OF ROADS IN A UNIT.
- 3721 I THINK IT'S CRAZY EVEN CONSIDERING TAKING AWAY A HUNTERS RIFLE TAG (ESPECIALLY A LANDOWNER) WHEN THEY WOULD APPLY FOR A ARCHERY TAG. EVERY LANDOWNER SHOULD ALWAYS BE GUARANTEED AN ANY DEER TAG FOR RIFLE AND ARCHERY SO THEY CAN MANAGE THE DEER ON THEIR OWN LAND ACCORDING TO HOW THEY PREFER.
- 3731 TOO MANY LICENSES ISSUED TO ONE HUNTER. LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE A FULL PRICE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSE, AND ALSO A REDUCED PRICE LANDOWNERS LICENSE IN THE SAME YEAR. LANDOWNERS ARE THE ONES THAT PUT UP WITH DAMAGED CROPS AND HAY. FEED THEM YEAR ROUND.
- 3755 WHY NOT HAVE AN OPTIONAL DEER SEASON OPEN FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE A DEER LICENSE FIRST CHANCE ON DEER THAT ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH HIGH VOLUME DEER AREAS THAT ARE CAUSING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, OR NUISANCE TO PEOPLE IN TOWN, OF COURSE THIS SHOULD BE MANAGED WITH WELL-TRAINED HUNTERS PREFERABLY ARCHERY HUNTERS, THAT ARE HIGHLY CONSCIENTIOUS OF ALL SAFETY LAWS.
- 3764 IT USED TO BE YOU COULD ONLY APPLY FOR ONE SEASON AT A TIME. (LATE 90'S WHEN I STARTED HUNTING). I HAVEN'T DONE A LOT OF DEER HUNTING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. DUE TO LIFE CHANGES. THE LAST DEER I BAGGED WAS IN NOVEMBER 2010 AND WAS ANTLERLESS. I WILL PROBABLY GET A LANDOWNER ONLY ANTLERLESS TAG THIS YEAR, IF ANYTHING.
- 3775 FARMERS AND RANCHERS ACROSS ALL OF SOUTH DAKOTA ARE THE LIFE LINE FOR ANY WILDLIFE THAT INHABITS THEIR LAND. MANY (IF NOT ALL) TAKE STRONG CONSIDERATION INTO MANAGING AND PROVIDING THE BEST ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE FOR THE GAME. AS SO, FARMERS AND RANCHERS

SHOULD NOT BE CHASTISED FOR SUCH EFFORTS, BUT RATHER GIVEN EVERY RIGHT TO MAINTAIN THE POPULATIONS.

- 3781 SIMPLY CUT THE NUMBER OF BUCK LICENSES. ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE THAT USED TO SHOOT DOES AND HELP CONTROL THE POPULATION SUDDENLY BECAME BUCK HUNTERS AND MOSTLY WHAT THEY SHOOT ARE VERY YOUNG BUCKS GOOD GENETICS AND HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO GROW AND PASS IT ON. ALSO TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RIDICULOUSNESS OF ALL THE HUNTING PRESERVES. WE TOOK MANY ACRES OF OUR LAND BY GREGORY AND LET THE GRASS GROW AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO TRY TO HELP WITH THE NUMBERS BUT IT SEEMS PRETTY POINTLESS WHEN THE GUYS ON BOTH SIDES OF IT BEEN KILLING EVERYTHING THAT FLIES FOR ALMOST A MONTH NOW. NICE TO ACTUALLY SEE A LITTLE BIT OF RESULTS UNTIL THEY GET OVER THE FENCE AND GET NAILED RIGHT ALONG WITH THE BOX BIRDS.
- 3782 I FEEL ONE BUCK TAG PER YEAR IS ENOUGH. BOW HUNTERS USUALLY HAVE MORE LUCK GETTING BETTER BUCKS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO HARVEST DEER EARLIER, WHICH I FEEL IS THE UNFAIR PROCESS. THEN THEY CAN AND USUALLY GET A RIFLE BUCK TAG ALSO.
- 3787 I AM OPPOSED TO THE LATE DOE OR ANTLERLESS SEASON. REOPENING THIS SEASON WHEN SOME OF THE BUCKS HAVE LOST THERE HORNS, BY THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, LET SAY JANUARY MOST OF THE DEER HAVE YARDED UP, IF THERE IS MUCH SNOW. LET'S SAY THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 31 SHOULD BE PLENTY.
- 3789 IN MY OPINION, EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A FAIR DRAW AT ONE BUCK LICENSE BEFORE MULTIPLE BUCK LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO ONE PERSON.
- 3792 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 3793 [EXPECTATION TO DRAW A LICENSE] LANDOWNER [general comments] LANDOWNERS IN A SPECIFIC AREA NEED TO BE GUARANTEED A TAG TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND. I BELIEVE THAT WYOMING HAS A VERY FAIR SYSTEM WHERE EVERY RESIDENT IS ALLOCATED ONE TAG PER YEAR FOR AN ANTLERED DEER. THEY CAN USE ANY WEAPON OF THEIR CHOICE, BUT THEY ARE ONLY ALLOWED ONE TAG. AS LANDOWNERS, WE SEE MANY PUBLIC LAND HUNTERS WHO HAVE MULTIPLE BUCK AND DOE TAGS. OFTEN TIMES, BECAUSE THE DEER AREN'T AS PLENTIFUL ON PUBLIC LAND AS PRIVATE, BECAUSE OF POOR MANAGEMENT, THESE HUNTERS TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. WE HAVE CAUGHT PEOPLE LYING ABOUT THEIR LOCATION, TELLING US THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE ON OUR PROPERTY, AND EVEN DESTROYING PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE STATE JUSTICE SYSTEM DOES NOT DO ENOUGH TO PROSECUTE TRESPASSERS. MUCH OF THIS PROBLEM COULD BE FIXED BY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TAGS TO EACH HUNTER. EVERYONE DESERVES TO HUNT THE PUBLIC LAND, BUT ONE BUCK IS ENOUGH. ALSO, DOE TAGS NEED TO BE ELIMINATED UNTIL THE DEER HERD HAS TIME TO BUILD BACK UP. WE HAD 3 MULE DEER DOES SHOT AND WOUNDED FROM THE ROAD BY OUR PROPERTY AND THEN LEFT TO DIE. THEY WERE SHOT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THIS NEEDS TO STOP! IF WE CONTINUE TO KILL DOES, WE WILL SOON

EXTERMINATE ALL THE DEER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR OTHER THOUGHTS OF LANDOWNERS AND RANCHERS CALL THEM.

- 3794 I PREFER ANY DEER LICENSES RATHER THAN JUST BUCK OR JUST BUCK...
- 3799 [expectation to draw a license] AS A LANDOWNER AND A HABITAT PROVIDER I THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE GUARANTEED A LICENSE IF THE DEER NUMBERS ARE THERE TO HUNT BEFORE ANYONE ELSE GETS A LICENSE.
- 3805 I WOULD SAY THE DEER POPULATION IN AT LEAST BROOKINGS COUNTY HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. WE HIT 2 DEER THIS PAST SUMMER WITH OUR CAR CAUSING OVER \$7000 IN DAMAGE. WE ALSO HIT 2 DEER THIS SUMMER WITH 2 DIFFERENT PICKUPS THANKFULLY HAVING GRILL GUARDS IN PLACE SO NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. WE HAVE 2 FRIENDS WHO HAVE NOW TAKEN OUT THE FRONT END OF THEIR PICKUPS IN THE LAST LAST 3 WEEKS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY DEER LAYING ALONG THE HIGHWAYS EVERYWHERE WE DRIVE AS I HAVE SEEN THIS YEAR. I THINK WE NEED MORE TAGS ISSUED PERIOD.
- 3812 MAYBE A LANDOWNER OR GENERAL DRAW TROPHY BUCK ONLY LICENSE WITH AN AGE OR RACK SIZE REQUIREMENT. I ONLY SHOOT MATURE BUCKS WITH NICE RACKS SO MANY YEARS I DON'T FILL MY TAG. WITH THIS SYSTEM IT WOULD ALLOW MORE DRAW TAGS FOR OTHERS KNOWING THAT THE TROPHY TAGS WOULD BE A LOWER SUCCESS RATE. ONE MORE NOTE, SD OUT OF STATE WATERFOWL LICENSES NEEDS AN UPGRADE TO MIRROR OUR SURROUNDING STATES. WHY THIS HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED REFLECTS DIRECTLY TO THE WAY GFP OPERATES. I WELCOME A RESPONSE OR EXPLANATION.
- 3814 LANDOWNER SHOULD BE GUARANTEED AN ANY DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR.
- 3818 [landowner preference] FARMERS AND RANCHERS FEED THEM ALL YEAR.
- 3821 [expectation to draw] BECAUSE I PAY PREMIUM FOR SPECIAL BUCK ALREADY.
- 3827 IF YOU WANT TO EXCLUDE SOMEONE FROM OBTAINING A SD DEER LICENSE, EXCLUDE THE NON-RESIDENTS, NOT LANDOWNERS. WITHOUT THE LANDOWNERS THE GFP WOULDN'T HAVE DEER TO SELL. THE GFP ONCE AGAIN SHOWS THEIR LACK OF RESPECT FOR LANDOWNERS AND THEIR PROPERTY.
- 3848 I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ALL THESE QUESTIONS ARE FOR. IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH LANDOWNERS NOT GETTING A LICENSE OR IS IT SOME PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTIES CAN'T DRAW IN A PARTICULAR COUNTY THEY DON'T LIVE IN? I HAVEN'T HAD A WEST RIVER LICENSE FOR FIVE YEARS CAUSE THEY CUT THEM BACK SO MUCH, RIGHTFULLY SO. BUT MAYBE LET'S DO A BETTER JOB MANAGING OUR DEER. BOW HUNTERS DON'T NEED TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE LICENSE IF WE START GETTING OVER POPULATED GIVE A FEW MORE LICENSES OUT. BUT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO MANAGEMENT. I LOVE TO HUNT WITH MY KIDS AND DON'T WANT TO EVER LOSE THAT BECAUSE SOMEONE FEELS THERE NOT GETTING A LICENSE.

- 3850 EVERY LANDOWNER SHOULD GET A LICENSE; THEY FEED AND MAINTAIN COVER FOR THE DEER.
- 3865 [expectation to draw] WHATEVER YOU DID IN THE PAST. IF YOU CHANGED IT THIS YEAR GO BACK TO IT. IT WORKED FINE
- 3874 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT A LITTLE EASIER FOR OUT OF STATE HUNTERS TO GET A DEER LICENSE. I HAVE A COUPLE OF FRIENDS WHO HAVE ASKED ME IF THERE IS A PROGRAM WHERE I CAN SPONSOR AT LEAST ONE HUNTER FROM OUT OF STATE TO RECEIVE A DEER LICENSE. CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO SUCH PROGRAM AS I HAVE BEEN INFORMED. I LIVE ON A FARM IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF FAULK CO. AND HAVE BEEN SEEING THE NUMBERS OF ANTELOPE INCREASE AND WAS WONDERING IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO (FOR EXAMPLE) HAVE A SEASON IN THE WESTERN PART OF FAULK COUNTY FROM THE WEST BORDER TO THE STATE HIGHWAY 47. IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN; ALL OF POTTER COUNTY HAS A SEASON FOR ANTELOPE.
- 3876 YOU SHOULD ONLY GET ONE ARCHERY TAG PER YEAR
- 3877 MAYBE GETTING SOME KIND OF PREFERENCE, IF YOU LIVE IN THE UNIT APPLYING FOR IN EAST RIVER UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE ; IF YOU LIVE IN HAND COUNTY AND APPLYING FOR HAND COUNTY, PREFERENCE OVER SOMEONE FROM BROWN COUNTY
- 3887 LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET AN ANY DEER TAG EVERY YEAR
- 3894 THE LANDOWNER/OPERATOR IS THE ONE PRODUCING THE DEER. WE FEED AND WATER THESE ANIMALS AND PROVIDE SHELTER FOR THEM. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE AT DEER TAGS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE DRAW SYSTEM STARTS EARLY AND WE ARE UNABLE TO FILE FOR OUR LANDOWNER TAGS UNTIL MID-OCTOBER. THIS SEEMS UNFAIR.
- 3903 APPLICANTS THAT DO NOT GET DRAWN IN THE FIRST DRAWING APPLY FOR LEFTOVER TAGS IN ANY COUNTY AVAILABLE AND WE OFTEN HAVE HUNTERS DRIVING BACK ROADS AND SECTION LINES "ROAD HUNTING" BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO HUNT AND NO CONTACTS IN AN UNFAMILIAR AREA. NON-LANDOWNER APPLICANTS SHOULD LIST A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR WHERE THEY HAVE PERMISSION TO HUNT TO ELIMINATE HUNTERS WITH TAGS AND NO PERMISSION TO HUNT
- 3904 DON'T UNDERSTAND OWNER ACREAGE REQUIREMENT. IF AN OPERATOR HAS 40 ACRES HE OWNS, WHY CAN'T HE/SHE HUNT ON IT WITH LANDOWNERS LICENSE? ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING FOR YOUNG FARMERS WHO ARE WORKING FOR FAMILY FARM, BUT DO NOT "OWN" THE LAND.
- 3915 MY FAMILY AND I DISAGREE WITH CHARGING A FEE FOR THE LANDOWNER TAGS. WE FEED AND RAISE THE DEER JUST LIKE OUR LIVESTOCK. I GUESS THE NEXT THING THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT GFP WILL WANT A FEE FOR US TO BUTCHER ONE OF OUR BEEF.

- 3927 EACH RESIDENT LAND OWNER SHOULD GET A DEER IF THEY WANT ONE. THEN THE GAME DEPT. CAN SELL LICENSES ONLY IF THERE IS ENOUGH DEER. THE LANDOWNERS CANNOT RAISE SEVERAL DEER FOR ALL THAT THINK THEY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THEM. NOW MANY ARE DISGUSTED IF THEY CAN'T SHOOT AS MANY AS THEY WANT.-----IT IS NOW A DEER SLAUGHTER INSTEAD OF HUNTING!-----
- 3935 I THINK ALL LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET FREE LICENSES BECAUSE WE FEED THE DEER ALL YEAR LONG!
- 3940 EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A BOW BUCK TAG. LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET 1 - 2 EXTRA TAGS THAT THEY CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO WITH EITHER SELL THEM OR GIVE THEM TO FAMILY MEMBERS. LIKE OTHER STATES GET TO DO.
- 3942 TRY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TAGS FOR LANDOWNERS TO 2 EACH PER 160 ACRES. ALSO MAX OUT TO 3 LICENSES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL HUNTER!
- 3943 [expectation to draw] LANDOWNER
- 3958 I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE SELLING OF PREFERENCE POINTS. THIS IS A STEP TOWARDS MORE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WITH MORE INCOME. I CAN PERSONALLY AFFORD TO PAY MORE TO HUNT BUT NOT WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. I WOULD HATE TO SEE A SYSTEM LIKE IT USED TO BE IN EUROPE WHERE EVENTUALLY ONLY THE RICH COULD HUNT. WE NEED TO KEEP HUNTING AVAILABLE FOR ALL CITIZENS, NOT JUST LANDOWNERS AND THOSE WITH THE MOST MONEY. I SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH I OWN OVER 450 ACRES. I REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A KID WITH VERY LITTLE MONEY AND NO FAMILY OWNED LAND TO HUNT ON. I APPRECIATED THE AFFORDABLE LICENSES AND THE STATE OR FEDERAL LANDS OPEN TO HUNTING.
- 3959 LANDOWNER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY (KIDS) UNDER 18 SHOULD ALSO QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSES. TYPICALLY THEY ARE WORKING THE LAND ALONG SIDE THEIR PARENTS AND DESERVE A BUCK LICENSES. I THINK THAT BEFORE ANY HUNTER IS ISSUED A SECOND BUCK TAG, ALL THAT HAVE APPLIED SHOULD GET THEIRS. ONE PERSON SHOULD NOT HAVE TO GO WITHOUT WHILE SOMEONE ELSE GETS 2 OR 3 BUCK TAGS.
- 3963 I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE INCREASE IN PRICE OF THE LICENSES AND DECREASE IN LICENSES ARE GOOD FOR THE HARVEST IN OUR COUNTY FOR SURE. WE HAVE A HIGH POPULATION OF DEER. POTTER COUNTY. GET RID OF THE PAY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS THAT TO ME LOOKS LIKE A MONEY MAKER FOR THE STATE AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.
- 3969 I AM A LANDOWNER IN SOUTHERN TURNER COUNTY AND I HAVE WAY TOO MANY DEER!
- 3977 AS A LANDOWNER WHAT I SEE IN BUFFALO COUNTY IS THAT THE LAND IS HELD IN LARGER TRACTS OR SO FEW HANDS, WE ALWAYS HAVE MULTIPLE LEFT OVER TAGS USUALLY 3RD DRAW AVAILABLE. WE END UP WITH PEOPLE

THAT DID NOT GET DRAWN IN THE 1ST DRAWING AND SEE TAGS LEFT OVER HERE. SO THEY APPLY AND GET A TAG OFTEN WITH NO PERMISSION TO HUNT ANYWHERE AND JUST DRIVING AROUND TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN FIND. OFTEN LANDOWNERS HAVE HUNTERS AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET ON PRIVATE GROUND AND THE PUBLIC GROUND IS OVER RUN. I LIKE THE EFFORT PUT FORTH BY OUR LOCAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS AND FEEL THEY COULD USE INFORMATION FROM THE LANDOWNERS IN THEIR AREA TO GAUGE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LICENSES TO ISSUE TO BALANCE THE DEER POPULATION AND HUNTER PRESSURE TO CREATE A GREAT OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR THE HUNTER AND LAND OWNER/OPERATOR. I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOU CANNOT MAKE IT FIT FOR EVERYONE THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!

- 3981 EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE CHANCE TO HUNT DEER. WHY DOES THE PERSON WITH THE MOST POINTS GET A CHANCE THAT JUST MEANS SAID PERSON HAS ALREADY HAS A FREEZER FULL OR GAVE THE GAME AWAY. GIVE THEM TO THE ONES WHO DON'T GET THEM. ONE BUCK TAG IS ENOUGH HOW THEY WANT TO SHOOT IT IS UP TO THEM. I PERSONALLY KNOW PEOPLE THAT SHOOT 3 OR 4 BUCKS A YEAR, AND WON'T EVEN SHOOT A DOE.
- 3985 THERE SHOULD BE MORE DOE PERMITS ALLOWED.
- 4010 I THINK THAT THE MOST LICENSES A PERSON SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DRAW FOR A YEAR WOULD BE 3 LICENSES AND NO MORE TO ALLOW MORE PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HUNTING SEASON, I WOULD ALLOW ONLY RIFLE AND ARCHERY AS MAIN 2 LICENSES AND ONLY THE OPTION OF 1 OF THE REMAINING LICENSES. IF THE HUNTER ONLY WANTED RIFLE AND NOT ARCHERY THEN THE MAXIMUM OF 2 LICENSES WOULD BE ALLOWED THEN.
- 4019 I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS CORRECT OR GOOD MANAGEMENT ON THE GFP'S PART TO ASK PEOPLE TO BUY POINTS FOR FUTURE LICENSES.
- 4022 I LOVE ARCHERY HUNTING, BETTER THAN FIREARM... ARCHERY TAGS SHOULD BE - 1 BUCK AND 1 OR 2 DOES. I ONLY APPLY FOR FIREARM TAGS TO HAVE MEAT IN FREEZER, IF I'M UNSUCCESSFUL AT ARCHERY.
- 4033 THE SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN PLACE IS A GOOD ONE SO LEAVE IT ALONE.
- 4035 THE PROBLEM I SEE IS LANDOWNERS COMPLAINING ABOUT DAMAGE DONE BY DEER AND WANTING DEPREDATION TAGS WHILE NOT ALLOWING ANYONE TO HUNT ON THEIR PROPERTY.
- 4036 [process to increase draw chances] ONLY IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF DEER.
- 4039 THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM THE WAY IT IS NOW. THE LOTTERY DRAWING IS THE FAIREST WAY TO ALLOCATE BUCK TAGS.
- 4050 [most preferred deer hunt] ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER
- 4051 I THINK IF YOU CHANGE THE SYSTEM YOU ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE TOO MANY TAGS FOR UNITS THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE DUMP. WE SHOULD HAVE

CLOSED THE SEASON IN THE EHD UNITS A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND IT WOULD HAVE ONLY TAKEN A FEW YEARS TO RECOVER INSTEAD OF WHERE WE ARE NOW. WE SHOULD HAVE DROPPED THE DOE LICENSES YEARS AGO ALSO INSTEAD OF GIVING IN TO THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND KEEPING THE LICENSES WAY TOO HIGH.

- 4064 I HAVE ONE RESPONSE. WE HUNT CORSON COUNTY AND IT GETS HARDER TO GET A LICENSE EACH YEAR. LAST YEAR ONE OF THE LANDOWNERS TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE PUTTING IN FOR REGULAR LICENSES TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS. THEY ARE USING TAGS THAT ARE FOR NON-LANDOWNERS.
- 4065 GET RID OF THE MOUNTAIN LIONS AND ALL THE OTHER GAME WILL COME BACK.... PUT THEM ON THE PREDATOR STATUS.
- 4068 I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY A LANDOWNER HAS TO BE A SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT TO GET A LANDOWNER LICENSE. THAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. WHY ARE WE SO BIASED AGAINST OUR BROTHERS AND COUSINS AND OTHER RELATIVES WHO LIVE OUT OF STATE? LET'S BRING THEM BACK TO JOIN US INSTEAD OF FENCING THEM OUT. WE NEED THEM TO BE FULLY INVESTED IN THE FARMS AND RANCHES THEY INHERIT HERE. IF YOU OWN LAND YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET A LICENSE TO HUNT ON YOUR OWN LAND.
- 4071 I PERSONALLY APPLIED SIX YEARS BEFORE I RECEIVED A MUZZLELOADER BUCK TAG AND ALL OF MY FRIENDS HAD GOT THEM IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS FAIR.
- 4076 DO NOT HAVE ANY DEER SEASON FOR ANY EAST RIVER COUNTIES THAT ARE ALONG THE RIVER FOR TWO YEARS IN ORDER TO GAIN DEER POPULATION BACK.
- 4079 WE ARE GIVING OUT WAY TOO MANY LICENSES. WAY TOO MANY HUNTERS ARE HARVESTING IMMATURE DEER. IT IS VERY BAD TO SEE YEARLING OR 2 YEAR OLD BUCKS HARVESTED ABUNDANTLY. BY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TAGS THIS WOULD ALLOW DEER TO MATURE AND BREED FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME. WE MUST GET THE DEER POPULATION BACK BUT STILL NOT ALLOW IT TO BE OVER POPULATED.
- 4085 DO A BETTER JOB OF MANAGING FOR THE PREDATOR IMPACT ON DEER AND YOU WON'T NEED TO SCREW THE HUNTERS! IN THE PAST WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF DEER TO OFFER MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUCKS. IN YEARS PAST WE REGULARLY HAD 10K TO 15K DEER LICENSES ISSUED IN THE BLACK HILLS ALONE AND THE DEER POPULATION WITHSTOOD IT EASILY! WHAT'S UP GFP? AND AS FAR AS THE PRAIRIE, DON'T YOU THINK THE DEER POPULATION WILL IMPROVE SOON? WHERE'S THE MANAGEMENT FOR A HUNTER'S MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES?
- 4098 I FEEL THE LANDOWNER REQUIREMENTS ARE FINE AS THEY ARE. HOWEVER, I KNOW THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT ENFORCED AND ARE CHEATED ON QUITE OFTEN. FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE THAT OWN FAR LESS THAN A QUARTER OF LAND APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE LANDOWNER TAGS. ALSO, PEOPLE THAT

ARE NOT INVOLVED WITH THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE LAND CLAIM TO BE A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR IN ORDER TO GET THEIR DEER TAGS. THEY USUALLY HAVE SOME VERY LOOSE CONNECTION TO THE OWNER, BUT DO NOT QUALIFY AS THE RULES ARE CURRENTLY WRITTEN.

- 4100 REGARDING LAND OWNERS... IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ALRIGHT, BUT WHAT I SEE IN OUR AREA (ROBERTS CTY), THE ADULT CHILDREN OF LANDOWNERS COME BACK FROM DIFFERENT STATES TO HUNT AS A "LANDOWNERS". THEIR PARENTS OWN THE LAND, THEY DO NOT... YET THEY CONTINUE TO GET LICENSES AS LANDOWNERS. THEY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AN OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE AND PAY THE HIGHER FEES. I THINK THE 'LANDOWNERS' SHOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE A PHOTO ID FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. ALSO, SEVERAL OF THESE SAME FAMILIES, HUNT ON THEIR NEIGHBORS LAND, WHICH IS TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL, SINCE THEY ARE NOT THE PROPERTY OWNERS. IT'S KIND OF A PATHETIC SITUATION AND NOT REALLY FAIR TO ALL HUNTERS.
- 4107 I BELIEVE THAT LANDOWNER'S ARE DETERMINING THE COURSE OF OUR HUNTING HERITAGE. I HAVE FAITH IN SDGFP. MOTHER NATURE RUNS HER COURSE WE AS SPORTSMAN CAN ADJUST. DON'T OVER REACT! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KEEP EVERYONE SATISFIED. IF YOU CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE AVERAGE SD SPORTSMAN & WOMEN WE CAN ENJOY THE OUTDOORS FOR MANY YEARS' LIFETIMES. I HAVE BEEN BOW HUNTING FOR 30+ YEARS I LOVE THE OUTDOORS, I'M GUARANTEED AN ANY DEER TAG. IF PEOPLE WANT A BUCK TAG THEY CAN PICK A BOW AND PUT THE WORK INTO IT. I ALSO RIFLE HUNT AND SEND IN AS A PARTY OF 4. WE'RE DENIED ABOUT EVERY 3RD YEAR. I'M SATISFIED WITH YOUR CURRENT DRAW SYSTEM. IS IT YOUR JOB TO MANAGE GAME OR KEEP HORN HUNTER'S HAPPY? I'M REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE GOOSE HUNTING REGISTRATION FIELDS IN PIERRE. THANK YOU!
- 4111 X AMOUNT OF BUCK TAGS PER UNIT, TO BE TAKEN WITH ANY LEGAL FIREARM OR BOW (HUNTER'S CHOICE). NO MORE THAN ONE BUCK TAG PER YEAR. 30 YEARS OF BOW HUNTING, TAG EVER YEAR, I HAVE HUNTED THE MUZZLELOADER SEASON EVERY YEAR SINCE IT STARTED. I HAVE NEVER KILLED A BUCK! WITH 5 OR 6 YEARS OF PREFERENCE I FINALLY DRAW A TAG.
- 4119 I THINK THE RESIDENT SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE AT A DEER LICENSE OVER NON-RESIDENT!
- 4124 TOO FEW BLACK HILLS DEER LICENSES. RESIDENTS SHOULD GET LICENSE BEFORE OUT-OF-STATERS. I HAVE A CABIN IN THE HILLS. SIX OF MY FAMILY APPLIED SEPARATELY FOR BLACK HILLS LICENSE THIS YEAR. NONE OF US WERE SUCCESSFUL. ONLY TWO WERE SUCCESSFUL LAST YEAR AND ONLY ONE THE YEAR BEFORE THAT.
- 4125 FRIST, WITH DEER NUMBERS DOWN. THE NUMBER OF LICENSES ONE PERSON CAN HAVE SHOULD BE LOOKED AT. I KNOW A PERSON WHO IN THE PAST HAD NINE RIFLE LICENSES AND A BOW. AND IF THE NUMBERS COME BACK THE USE OF A BUCK AND DOE TAG ARE USED. MAKE IT A RULE THAT THE DOE BE SHOT FIRST. THAT WAY HELPS CONTROL THE NUMBERS.

- 4128 PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A LICENSE SHOULD GET A NOTICE OF WHEN APPLICATIONS OPEN UP
- 4138 IF BOW HUNTING LICENSES ARE LIMITED OR LIMIT RIFLE SEASON, IT WOULD MAKE IT SO I COULD NOT JUSTIFY GETTING A BOW LICENSE. I WOULD ALWAYS CHOOSE RIFLE FIRST THEN BOW, AS BOW HUNTING IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A DEER. I ENJOY BOW HUNTING AND TEND TO PUT MUCH MORE TIME AND EFFORT INTO IT BUT DO NOT ALWAYS HARVEST A DEER.
- 4169 LEAVE THE SYSTEM THE WAY IT IS. PREFERENCE POINTS ARE THERE TO GIVE PEOPLE BETTER CHANCES TO DRAW. SOUTH DAKOTA IS AMAZING RESOURCE AND IF MAINTAINED PROPERLY EVERYONE CAN ENJOY. GFP NEEDS TO LOOK AT PEOPLE ABUSING THE LANDOWNER TAG PROCESS MORE. TOO MUCH IS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES AND NOT GETTING PUNISHED.
- 4172 LEAVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM IN PLACE! WE DO NOT NEED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BUCKS HUNTERS CAN HARVEST IN A SINGLE YEAR. WHY MESS WITH SOMETHING THAT MOST SPORTSMEN BELIEVE IS WORKING JUST FINE? PLEASE LEAVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM AS IS!
- 4175 LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE FOR LICENSES. I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE BUCK LICENSES EVERY YEAR. I KNOW FARMERS THAT HAVE COMPLETELY DECIMATED HERDS TO 3 MILES AROUND THEIR HOMES, AND A LOT OF TIME NOT ON THEIR LAND. LANDOWNERS NEED TO GET OVER THE GOOD OLE BOY WAY OF HUNTING WHICH IS SHOOTING ON A NEIGHBORS LAND (FROM THE ROAD) AND JUST DRIVING INTO THE FIELD AND PICKING UP THE DEER THEN TELLING ME ON THE ROAD TO TELL THE OWNER HIS NAME AND THAT HE WON'T MIND. I WOULD FEEL BAD ABOUT TURNING IN SOMEONE LIKE THAT FOR THE CHANCE THE LANDOWNER WON'T LET ME HUNT THEIR AGAIN! RESOURCES ARE BECOMING SCARCE AND GAME AND FISH CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE, BUT I THINK THE LANDOWNERS ALSO NEED TO GIVE A LITTLE. THANKS FOR LETTING ME VENT.
- 4181 LANDOWNERS THAT DO NOT ALLOW ANY NON-LANDOWNERS TO HUNT THEIR LAND SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM GF&P IF DEER OVERPOPULATION OCCURS ON THEIR LAND. THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY LANDOWNERS THAT WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO HUNT THEIR LAND. ALSO, LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO ALLOW ACCESS TO ALL HUNTERS ON LANDLOCKED PROPERTY OWNED BY SD SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LANDS. FAR TOO MANY LANDOWNERS WILL NOT ALLOW ACCESS TO THESE STATE OWNED LANDS UNLESS IT IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OR RELATIVE.
- 4188 [expectation to draw] ARCHERY EVERY YEAR. WEST RIVER/ EVERY 2 YEARS.
[general comments] I AM VERY INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR LANDOWNERS THAT PROVIDE A POSITIVE "TRANSFERABLE" DEER LICENSE FOR THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY. THIS WOULD INCENTIVIZE AND ALLOW FOR LANDOWNERS TO INCREASE PRIORITY FOR DEER ON THEIR PROPERTY WITH THE POTENTIAL TO FINANCIALLY RECOUP COSTS. WILDLIFE WOULD THEN HAVE EVEN MORE VALUE AS OPPOSED TO LIVESTOCK AND FARM ONLY MANAGEMENT. THANK YOU!

- 4191 I HAVE APPLIED FOR A FIREARM LICENSE FOR ANY DEER FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN EVERY SINGLE YEAR. WHEN I HEAR THAT SOMEONE ELSE GOT 3-5 LICENSES, IT REALLY UPSETS ME. SO THIS YEAR I PAID A NONREFUNDABLE \$5 AND USED MY PREFERENCE POINTS HOPING THAT I COULD GET A LICENSE AND HUNT WITH MY YOUTH SON, BUT AGAIN I WAS TURNED DOWN. I'M SO UPSET I'M CONSIDERING NO LONGER APPLYING FOR A LICENSE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. I ALSO DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR THAT ARCHERY HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE A GUARANTEED LICENSE WHEN MOST OF US DON'T EVEN GET TO HUNT. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO HUNT BY EXAMPLE WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN GET A LICENSE? WHAT INCENTIVE ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE WHEN THEY COME OF AGE IF THEY GET TURNED DOWN YEAR AFTER YEAR?
- 4192 I HAVE 5 YEARS OF NOT DRAWING FOR BLACK HILLS OR MUZZLELOADER TAGS....THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE....I ALSO BELIEVE THAT NON-RESIDENT TAGS SHOULD BE LOWERED TO GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO RESIDENCE FOR TAGS.
- 4195 I AGREE WITH LANDOWNER PREFERENCE BUT NOT 100% BUCK TAGS. MAKE THE LANDOWNER HAVE MINIMUM 600 ACRES THAT HE OR SHE ACTIVELY FARMS. I AM TIRED OF WEALTHY GUYS BUYING LAND TO TREAT AS A DEER REFUGE FOR THEIR OWN USE.
- 4201 YOU NEED TO EVALUATE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE USE IT THAT DON'T QUALIFY.
- 4209 I BELIEVE LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET A TAG BUT HUNT THEIR LAND, OTHERWISE GET INTO THE GENERAL DRAWING. TOO MANY LANDOWNERS GET A TAG EVERY YEAR BUT HUNT OTHER AREAS. IF THEY ARE ALMOST GUARANTEED TO GET A BUCK TAG HUNT THEIR OWN LAND. MY KIDS HAVE ONLY HAD THE CHANCE FOR 1 BUCK TAG WHILE FARMERS' KIDS GET THEM EVERY YEAR. I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS IF SOMEONE WOULD CONTACT ME.
- 4220 HUNTERS WITH 5 OR MORE PREFERENCES POINTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A BUCK TAG.
- 4221 ARCHERY LICENSE SHOULD BE FOR SD RESIDENTS BEFORE SELL TO OUT OF STATE SHOULD GET NOT BUCK TAGS.
- 4222 I THINK THAT ONE WAY TO HELP THIS PROBLEM IS TO OPEN EAST AND WEST RIVER AT THE SAME TIME!
- 4223 [expectation to draw] IF DEER ARE HEAVILY POPULATED EVERY YEAR.
- 4231 I WILL NEVER EVER HUNT DEER OUT WEST RIVER. THE RANCHERS COMPLAIN ABOUT DEER ISSUES BUT DON'T LET ANYONE HUNT THEIR LAND. EVERY TIME WE ASK A FARMER THEY WANTED TO CHARGE US FOR BUCK OR DOE.

- 4240 PAYING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS IS WRONG; LICENSES ARE ALREADY HIGH ENOUGH. IT ISN'T RIGHT TO HAVE TO BUY OUR WAY IN FOR A LICENSE! BUT IF I DON'T I MAY NEVER GET A LICENSE. IT IS NOT FAIR!
- 4246 FOR THOSE HUNTERS THAT HUNT WEST RIVER DEER AND GET FIRST CHOICE EAST RIVER UNTIL THOSE HUNTERS WHO DON'T HUNT WEST RIVER ARE DRAWN.
- 4249 LET'S NOT MAKE THIS A MONEY GAME WITH PREFERENCE POINTS. I FEEL THE SYSTEM IS NOT BROKE. I HAVE ENJOYED HUNTING SOUTH DAKOTA WITH MY FAMILY AND HOPE TO CONTINUE!
- 4263 LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO ENTER THE SAME DRAW AS EVERYONE ELSE; THEY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE AS EVERYONE ELSE. IF A LANDOWNER DOESN'T DRAW AND WANTS DEER HARVESTED OFF HIS/HER LAND THEY CAN LET OTHERS HUNT ON IT!
- 4264 MY OPINION IS THIS IS A SHORT TERM PROBLEM WITH THE DEER NUMBERS AND ALL THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE TO ADDRESS THAT. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE DEER NUMBERS COME BACK? IT WILL BE HARDER TO CHANGE IT BACK. MAKE MINOR ADJUSTMENTS, IF ANY. THE SYSTEM WORKS WELL AS IS. SURE THERE ARE UNHAPPY HUNTERS THAT DIDN'T GET A TAG, ETC., BUT AGAIN, I JUST FEEL IT IS A SHORT TERM PROBLEM. YOU WILL NEVER MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY. ARCHERY HUNTING TAKES MUCH DEDICATION AND TIME, AND STILL THE SUCCESS RATE IS LOW. DON'T TAKE AWAY THE TAG OF THE AVID ARCHERY HUNTERS, IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO GET OUR YOUTH INVOLVED IN ARCHERY HUNTING, IF THEY HAVE TO MISS A YEAR BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET A TAG OR GET A DOE ONLY TAG, YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE SOME OF THEM. I DON'T MIND THE PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM; I THINK IT IS A FAIR WAY FOR YOUR DRAWING ODDS AND A WAY TO GET/NOT GET A LICENSE WHEN THERE ARE MORE HUNTERS THAN DEER. I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT THERE IS A CHARGE FOR THE PREFERENCE POINTS; HATE TO SEE HUNTING GET TO BE A RICH PERSONS SPORT (RETAILERS ARE ALREADY TAKING CARE OF THAT).
- 4265 TRY NOT TO BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT TAG TYPES AND WHO IS GETTING WHAT. INSTEAD ISSUE A DEER LICENSE AND ALLOW HUNTERS TO FILL THE TAG WITH DIFFERENT WEAPONS DURING DIFFERENT SEASONS, SIMILAR TO HOW WYOMING DOES IT. LET A HUNTER DRAW AN EAST RIVER BUCK TAG, THEN HE CAN HUNT WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT DURING ARCHERY SEASON AND A RIFLE DURING RIFLE SEASON. LET THE HUNTER DECIDE HOW THEY WANT TO FILL THEIR PREFERRED TAG.
- 4268 NOW YOU HAVE A MUZZLELOADER SEASON A YOUTH SEASON, A SPECIAL BUCK SEASON, A LEFT HANDED GIRLS ONLY SEASON, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY. WHY NOT JUST HUNT THEM YEAR ROUND CHRIST GIVE EM' A BREAK BOW STARTS IN OCT RIFLE IN NOVEMBER THAT'S IT. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT STAY HOME. I CURRENTLY OPERATE OR OWN 147 ACRES WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE WHICH I WOULDN'T CARE TO GET ANYWAY FOR DEER THOUGH THE ELK ARE A PROBLEM. WHY NOT ALLOCATE MONEY FROM THE "TIPS" PROGRAM FOR DEER CROSSING

SIGNS ON MORE LOCATIONS? JUST PASS THIS ONE OFF TO THE DOT. WITH THE DRAWING PROCESS THE QUALITY OF BUCKS HAS IMPROVED GREATLY DUE TO FEWER HUNTERS.

- 4272 FORGOT TO MENTION THE POOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MOUNTAIN LION POPULATION AS ONE OF THE FACTORS IN THE LOWER DEER AND TURKEY NUMBERS.
- 4277 PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD POSITION AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE BEFORE ANYONE WITHOUT PREFERENCE POINTS, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE APPLICANTS GOING YEARS IN A ROW WITHOUT DRAWING A LICENSE. IT SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON A LOTTERY. IF THERE ARE LEFTOVER LICENSES AFTER THE APPLICANTS WITH PREFERENCE POINTS GET A TAG, THEN HAVE A LOTTERY.
- 4293 I FEEL A LAND OWNER/OPERATOR SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HARVEST 1 ANY DEER OFF OF THE LAND THEY OWN OR OPERATE FREE OF CHARGE. AND THESE DEER SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT OF TAGS THAT ARE ISSUED FOR THE UNIT IN WHICH THE LAND IS LOCATED.
- 4297 THESE ARE A FEW THINGS I HAVE EITHER EXPERIENCED OR HAD HAPPEN TO FRIENDS OF MINE. FOR INSTANCE A BUDDY AND I EACH HAVE 4 YEARS PREFERENCE FOR MUZZLELOADER ANY DEER TAGS. WE KNOW A GUY THAT HAD 0 POINTS AND DREW AN ANY DEER TAG WITHOUT ANY POINTS. HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? ANOTHER GRIPE OF MINE IS PEOPLE THAT APPLY FOR LANDOWNER TAGS THAT DO NOT EVEN HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND, OR THEY GET TAGS FOR EVERYONE IN THEIR FAMILY, EVEN IF SOME OF THOSE MEMBERS DO NOT HUNT. I ALSO SEE A LOT OF GUYS DRAWING LANDOWNER TAGS WHEN THEY DO NOT EVEN OWN OR LEASE LAND. I COULD EASILY CHEAT THE SYSTEM WITH A FAKE LEASE AND DRAW A TAG, I DON'T DO IT BECAUSE I AM ONE OF THE VERY FEW THAT FOLLOW THE RULES. ANOTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT I LIVE IN BROOKINGS COUNTY, SDSU IS ALSO IN BROOKINGS COUNTY. AS I READ IT STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR RESIDENT TAGS. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A WAY TO ATTRACT OUT OF STATE STUDENTS TO SOUTH DAKOTA, BUT IN BROOKINGS COUNTY THIS GREATLY DECREASES THE ODDS OF A RESIDENT OF BROOKINGS COUNTY TO DRAW A TAG. I KNOW THEY APPLY FOR OTHER COUNTIES ALSO, BUT I BET A MAJORITY APPLY IN BROOKINGS COUNTY. EVERY YEAR I FIND DEER IN THE DITCHES WITH THE CHOICE CUTS OF MEAT REMOVED, MY GUESS IS COLLEGE STUDENTS. WE ALSO NEED TO PUT MORE RESOURCES INTO COMBATING ROAD HUNTING. I USUALLY DRAW EAST RIVER RIFLE EVERY OTHER YEAR OR EVERY TWO YEARS, I DEPEND ON VENISON TO FEED MY FAMILY. I MAY JUST START COMPLETELY HUNTING OUT OF STATE WHERE I CAN EASILY BUY TAGS. SORRY FOR MY RANT BUT I HOPE THAT MAYBE THIS WILL BE USEFUL IN SOME WAY. THANKS
- 4299 I FEEL ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE WHEN RIFLE SEASON STARTS. I THINK ARCHERY SEASON SHOULD START EARLIER OR RIFLE SEASON LATER.

- 4306 I THINK INSTEAD OF HAVING TWO DOE TAGS ACCOMPANY BUCK TAGS OR HAVING TRIPLE DOE TAGS, I THINK WE SHOULD REMAIN STEADY WITH THE SINGLE DOE TAGS WITH A BUCK TAG AND THE DOUBLE DOE TAGS. I THINK THIS WOULD BE A MORE MANAGEABLE SYSTEM.
- 4312 ANY APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE TO STATE AN AREA WHERE THEY INTEND TO HUNT. OUR COUNTY FILLS WITH PEOPLE WITH NO PLACE TO HUNT SO THEY DRIVE SECTION LINES WHICH IS ILLEGAL TO BIG GAME HUNT FROM SECTION LINES. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY ENFORCEMENT ON THIS. SO WE TEND TO BECOME THE BAD GUY AND RUN PEOPLE OFF. DO YOUR JOB GFP
- 4327 MOVE THE SEASON FOR RIFLE SEASON BACK AFTER THANKSGIVING
- 4329 I HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A HUNTING LICENSE IN SOUTH DAKOTA THE LAST YEAR CAUSE IT'S MUCH EASIER JUST TO GO OVER TO MINNESOTA AND GET A BUCK LICENSE THEN IT IS HERE. SORRY BUT UNTIL CHANGES ARE MADE IN SOUTH DAKOTA I PROBABLY WILL BE HUNTING DEER IN OTHER STATES. I HOPE SOUTH DAKOTA WILL MAKE SOME CHANGES SO THE EVERYDAY HUNTER CAN ENJOY DEER HUNTING.
- 4332 I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE RESPONSE ASKED FOR BUT WITH DEER AND ANTELOPE NUMBERS SO FAR DOWN, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE NO DOE HUNTING. IF I AM A RANCHER (I AM NOT) I WOULD NOT TRY TO INCREASE MY HERD BY SHOOTING COWS - I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE BUCK/DOE RATIO - SHOOTING DOES IS CRAZY. ALSO - A BOUNTY INSTEAD OF A SEASON ON CATS WOULD DO WELL, IT DID IN THE PAST.
- 4336 WE SHOULD LIMIT OR RESTRICT NON-RESIDENT LICENSES AND MAKE MORE LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS. I KNOW IT IS A \$ GAME, HOWEVER, NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE GETTING TAGS WHEN YOU HAVE RESIDENT HUNTERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM. I FEEL 25% OF AVAILABLE TAGS SHOULD GO TO LANDOWNERS UNLESS THEY CAN PROVE DEPREDATION, THE MORE TAGS FOR THAT PARTICULAR AREA COULD BE ALLOCATED.
- 4337 NICE SURVEY, WAY TO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DEER HUNTING IN SD!
- 4360 I DON'T APPROVE OF THE PAID/SAFARI HUNTS, THIS HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON THE DEER POPULATION. AND IT HURTS THE PEOPLE/HUNTERS THAT ARE JUST THERE FOR THE LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS AND FOR THE MEAT. IT IS TEACHING TODAY'S YOUTH THE WRONG WAY OUT OF HUNTING. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THIS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE PEOPLE WALKING INSTEAD OF DRIVING ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING, BY THE TIME SEASON IS OVER THE LAND LOOKS LIKE A HIGHWAY.
- 4368 I OWN 40 ACRES
- 4373 LEAVE THE PROGRAM THE WAY IT WAS. THERE ARE MORE DEER OUT THERE THAN WHAT YOUR SURVEYS ARE SUGGESTING.

- 4379 I WOULD SPEND MORE TIME ON OUR ELK HERD AND TRY TO REBUILD THAT. I STILL DON'T GET HOW THE STATE ALLOWED THE GAME FISH TO RUN THAT PROGRAM IN THE GROUND. I AM ALL FOR A THIRD PARTY TO COME IN AND OVERSEE KEEP THE GAME FISH HONEST. ALL MOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A GAME FISH OFFICER IN DAY COUNTY WHERE ARE THEY WHEN US SPORTSMAN ARE GETTING HARASSED BY THE LANDOWNERS?
- 4381 I BELIEVE THAT LANDOWNER TAGS SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED AT A RATE OF 1 PER 320 ACRES. TOO MANY PEOPLE (KIDS THAT DON'T WORK THE FARM) SAY THEY WORK ON THE FARM AND THUS TRY FOR LANDOWNER TAGS. ALSO LANDOWNERS THAT LEASE OUT THEIR LAND SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO GET LANDOWNER TAGS IF THE LESSEE IS ALSO COUNTING THE LAND FOR LANDOWNER TAGS. BASICALLY TAGS SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO PROPERTY. GUN TAGS SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM ARCHERY. IT IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TYPE OF HUNT. IF LANDOWNERS LEFT THE TREES IN, THERE WOULD BE MORE DEER/TAGS FOR THE LANDOWNERS.
- 4385 IF YOU LOWERING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES AVAILABLE TO ONE HUNTER BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DEER WHICH HAS EQUATED TO LESS LICENSES AVAILABLE, THEN LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF BUCKS HARVESTED NOT THE NUMBER OF LICENSES AVAILABLE (OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT THE DIFFERENT AREAS). I PERSONALLY HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 4-5 BUCK LICENSES A YEAR BUT RARELY SHOOT MORE THAN 2 BUCKS IN A YEAR AND NEVER SHOT MORE THAN 3. FOR EXAMPLE OKLAHOMA ALLOWS THEIR RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR UNLIMITED BUCK TAGS BUT ONLY ALLOWS THEM TO HARVEST ONLY SO MANY BUCKS PER YEAR.
- 4386 I THINK THE ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE TOO MUCH TIME TO HUNT AND ARE TAKING A LOT OF THE BIG BUCKS. BY THE TIME RIFLE SEASON IS OPENED A LOT OF THE ARCHERS HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF THE BIG DEER. I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO INVEST IN ARCHERY (I'M WORKING). WITH THE HIGH TECH BOWS THEIR SUCCESS RATES HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY. STOP CATERING TO THE ARCHERS AND MUZZLELOADERS, WHO THINK THEY ARE THE ELITISTS WHEN IT COMES TO HUNTING.
- 4407 I FEEL BUCK MANAGEMENT IS BETTER DONE THROUGH A COMBINATION OF FACTORS RATHER THAN JUST THROUGH LICENSE NUMBERS AND DRAW ALLOCATION. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ANTLER RESTRICTION IMPOSED TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT ONLY MATURE BUCKS ARE BEING HARVESTED (WOULD NOT APPLY TO YOUTH). ALSO, CROSSBOWS SHOULD BE AN OPTION, BUT TO BE USED ONLY DURING RIFLE SEASON. THE HANDICAP USE OF CROSSBOWS DURING ARCHERY SEASON SHOULD BE CONTINUED BUT NEEDS TO BE REGULATED BETTER (TOO MANY PEOPLE JUST GETTING A DOCTOR'S NOTE AND A LICENSE). TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION ABOUT LANDOWNER PREFERENCE AND HAVING OPPORTUNITY AT TWO DIFFERENT TAGS. IF THE 50% OF TAGS FOR LANDOWNERS WERE TO BE REDUCED OR REMOVED, THEY WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO OTHER HUNTERS SINCE THEY WOULD FEEL THEIR ABILITY TO DRAW TAGS AND HUNT WOULD BE REDUCED.

- 4424 IT SEEMS THAT EACH YEAR IT GETS HARDER TO GET A LANDOWNER TO LET YOU HUNT. THEY ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF FAMILY TO GET THE LANDOWNER LICENSES, MAYBE SOME NOT SO FAMILY, BUT MEET THE RIGHT CRITERIA? THEIR EAGER TO TAKE A MONETARY DONATION, BECAUSE YOU'RE HUNTING THEIR DEER. THEN WHEN THE STATES DEER HAVE CAUSED DEPREDATION TO THEIR CROPS THEY ASK FOR MONEY FROM THE GF&P (MONEY FROM FEES PAID BY SPORTSMAN). MAYBE IF THE LANDOWNERS GET DEPREDATION MONEY THEY SHOULD HAVE TO ALLOW A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SPORTSMAN TO HUNT ON THEIR LAND. THIS COULD BE DONE ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM SO THE SPORTSMAN WITH LOTS OF MONEY OR THEIR FRIENDS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT GET TO HUNT THE GF&P DEER. LANDOWNERS SET THE RULES OF THEIR LAND AND ANY ONE ON THEM NEEDS TO FOLLOW THEM.
- 4426 HUNTERS WITH PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD ALL GET LICENSES FIRST. I KNOW PEOPLE WHO GET BLACK HILLS TAGS 3 YEARS IN A ROW AND I HAVEN'T HAD ONE IN THOSE SAME 3 YEARS. THIS IS INHERENTLY UNFAIR. THE ONLY REASON I CONTINUE TO LIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA IS THE MANY HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES. DEER AND ANTELOPE HUNTING ARE MY FAVORITES AS WEST RIVER HAS LIMITED BIRD HUNTING! WITH THE NEW ADVENT OF PAYING FOR A PREFERENCE POINT, I AM EFFECTIVELY NOW PAYING FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO HUNT. I CAN NOT HUNT IN MANY OTHER STATES FOR FREE AND MAKE A LOT MORE MONEY IN THE MEAN TIME.
- 4434 [expectation to draw] I REALIZE OTHERS NEED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT BIG BUCKS. I AM NOT A BIG HORN HUNTER. I ENJOY HUNTING WITH MY 2 SONS OF 11 AND SOON TO BE 10 YEARS! I HONESTLY WOULDN'T CARE IF I DIDN'T GET A BUCK TAG, HOWEVER MY BOYS WOULD LIKE ME TO SHOOT ONE NICE BUCK AT SOME POINT. [MODIFY PREFERENCE POINT PROCESS] AT FIRST NO, BUT NOW WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR PREFERENCE POINTS. SO IF YOU HAVE TO PAY MONEY...ABSOLUTELY THEY SHOULD GET FIRST PICK. [LANDOWNER PREFERENCE] ITS SEEMS LIKE OTHER SPORTSMAN ARE BEING PUNISHED FOR NOT HAVING LAND? WHY DO THEY NECESSARILY HAVE TO SHOOT BUCKS. THEY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO LET AT LEAST 2 YOUTH HAVE A SHOT AT A BUCK ON THEIR LAND FIRST.
- 4435 [expectation to draw] ARCHERY - EVERY YEAR, RIFLE - 1 EVERY 2 YEARS, MUZZLELOADER - EVERY 3-4 YEARS. [general comments] LEAVE DRAWS THE WAY THEY ARE. JUST BECAUSE A GUY MAY RECEIVE AN ARCHERY AND RIFLE BUCK TAG DOESN'T MEAN HE HAS AN ADVANTAGE OVER A GUY WHO DID NOT DRAW A RIFLE BUCK TAG. THAT PERSON STILL HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW AN ARCHERY TAG. WHY MAKE ARCHERY HUNTERS SUFFER BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE WILL OR THE WANT TO ARCHERY HUNT? MAYBE TRY AND GET LANDOWNERS TO QUIT BEING SUCH [expletive deleted] AND LET THEM KNOW THEY DON'T OWN THE WILDLIFE. TIRED OF SEEING HERDS OF DEER ON LANDOWNER GROUNDS AND GETTING YELLED AT THREATENED AND HARASSED FOR SHOOTING "THEIR DEER"! AND PERSONALLY I THINK IN SOUTH WEST SPINK COUNTY DEER NUMBERS ARE AT A HIGH.
- 4438 I SUPPORT DECREASING LICENSES FOR LANDOWNERS BUT AM WEARY ABOUT INCREASED HUNTING ON PUBLIC LAND WHERE NON LANDOWNERS WOULD MORE LIKELY HUNT.

- 4441 I DON'T THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN CATEGORY THEY SHOULD BE IN A GENERAL DRAW JUST LIKE THE REST OF US THAT HAVE TO HUNT PUBLIC LAND.
- 4442 I'D LIKE TO SEE SOUTH DAKOTA DESIGNATE A FEW PUBLIC AREAS AS "TROPHY" AREAS. I NOTICED YOU MADE THE SLIM BUTTES IN HARDING A SEPARATE UNIT WITH LIMITED TAGS. THIS IS AWESOME. I'LL GLADLY WAIT A FEW YEARS TO DRAW FOR A BETTER OPPORTUNITY AT A MATURE DEER
- 4443 I THINK THAT SOME PEOPLE GET TO BUCK HUNGRY. WE NEED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS TO PEOPLE. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE THAT SHOOT 3 AND 4 BUCKS A YEAR. WHERE I HUNT IN MCPHERSON I'M JUST ABOUT READY TO BE DONE UP THERE BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE WORRIED ABOUT HORNS AND WHEN THE DEER JUMPS THE FENCE AND YOU SHOT IT THEY CHEW YOU A NEW ONE BECAUSE THAT WAS THEIR DEER. AND THEY ARE LANDOWNERS AS WELL.
- 4448 THE BLACK HILLS DEER HERD IS NOT LOW. WHY THE REDUCTION IN TAGS?
- 4452 WISH I GOT A LICENSE, I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED. DEER ARE THE ONLY THING I HUNT AND I ENJOY THE AREA WE HUNT AND THE FAMILY TIME.
- 4453 I BELIEVE A GREAT SOLUTION TO BEING ABLE TO MANAGE HUNTERS HARVEST OF DEER OVER THE YEARS IS TO LET MOUNTAIN LION AND DEER HUNTING CO EXIST DURING THE SAME SEASON, HUNT DEER AND ERADICATE MOUNTAIN LIONS WILL EQUAL A SUCCESSFUL HUNT.
- 4457 [alternative allocation] I USED TO SEE 99.99 ANY DEER TAGS AVAILABLE NOW I SEE WE CAN ONLY GET 2 TAGS AT THE MOST. WHY? MOST ARCHERS DON'T GET THEIR DEER QUOTA I KNOW I DON'T. [landowner preference] A GOOD CHUNK OF LAND TO HUNT IS ALWAYS A PLUS!
- 4459 CURRENT DRAW PROCESS IS FINE. I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE AT ALL, AS THE DEER DO NOT BELONG TO THEM. YES, THEY CLAIM THEY FEED THEM ALL YEAR, BUT REMEMBER I PAY TAXES TO SUPPORT GOV'T PROGRAMS THAT KEEP THEM FARMING. SO YOU COULD SAY I FEED THEM TOO.
- 4471 IN MY OPINION THE LICENSING SYSTEMS ARE WORKING FINE. I WOULDN'T MAKE ANY CHANGES. I BELIEVE THE LOW NUMBER OF DEER WILL REBOUND AND THINGS WILL BE FINE. NATURE'S CYCLE. THE ONLY THING I WOULD RECOMMEND IS MOVING THE MUZZLELOADER SEASON AHEAD OF RIFLE/FIREARMS SEASON, OR JUST CALL IT "GUN SEASON" AND ALLOW THE HUNTER'S TO USE EITHER A MUZZLELOADER OR FIREARM. PLEASE DON'T CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE ARCHERY SEASON. THANKS!
- 4472 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE MAY DRAWING. LAND OWNERS SHOULD ALL GET A TAG BUT HAVE TO HUNT ON THEIR LAND ONLY. IT IS ALSO TIME TO MAKE THE UNITS LARGER THAN JUST THE COUNTIES.

- 4478 THIS SEEMS TO BE PUSHED ON BY THE CITY FOLK, THE SERIOUS HUNTERS WOULD BE HINDERED BY THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS. AS A LANDOWNER/OPERATOR THE MOST PROBLEMS OF TRESPASSING AND PICKUP HUNTING IS BY THE CITY FOLK THAT DON'T HAVE PRIVATE LAND ACCESS. THE RATE OF TRESPASSING WOULD INCREASE.
- 4485 I THINK THAT THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH DRAWING THAT EVERYONE ELSE DOES I THINK THAT IT IS WRONG TO CHARGE MONEY FOR A PREFERENCE POINT YOU ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE THAT LIKE TO HUNT BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE UP OUR PREFERENCE POINTS THAT WE HAVE EARNED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS TRYING TO GET ELK, SHEEP, AND MOUNTAIN GOAT TAGS. ALSO YOU LET THE MOUNTAIN LIONS GET OUT OF CONTROL AND NOW THEY ARE HURTING THE DEER AND ELK POPULATION IN THE BLACK HILLS. ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT NOTE ANY FARMER OR RANCHER THAT RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT LIKE WHEN THE CATTLE DIED IN THE SNOW SHOULD HAVE TO OPEN UP THEIR LAND TO WALK IN AREA EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THEY GOT AS IF IT WERE WALK IN AREA MONEY
- 4486 HAVEN'T RECEIVED A LICENSE IN 3 YEARS, I FEEL THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS A JOKE. CONFUSED ON HOW AND WHY A PERSON WITH MULTIPLE POINTS GETS TURNED DOWN MULTIPLE YEARS AND OTHER PEOPLE WITH 0 POINTS GET THEIR FIRST CHOICE? I DID NOT EVEN APPLY THIS YEAR BECAUSE I AM SO DISCOURAGED WITH THE SYSTEM. I ALSO FEEL THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY BETTER ODDS THAN EVERYBODY ELSE SINCE RECEIVING A LICENSE IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.
- 4490 I AM A LIFE-LONG SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT AND A RIFLE/ARCHERY HUNTER SINCE I WAS LEGALLY ABLE TO DO SO. I HAVE GROWN TO THE POINT OF ENJOYING THE ARCHERY SEASON SO MUCH THAT I DO NOT GET MUCH SATISFACTION FROM THE RIFLE SEASON MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS OVER CONTROLLED TIME-WISE BEING AFTER THE PEAK OF THE RUT AND THE FACT THAT THE OTHER RIFLE HUNTERS I ENCOUNTER DO NOT HAVE THE SAME ETHICS AND MANNERISM THAT I PREFER. I STILL APPLY, ALONG WITH MY TWO SONS, FOR THE RIFLE SEASON JUST SO I CAN ENJOY THE HUNT WITH MY SONS. I AM CURRENTLY DEPLOYED WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD AND IT IS A HARD PILL TO SWALLOW NOT BEING HOME TO ENJOY THE FALL SEASON AND THE ARCHERY SEASON RIGHT NOW. I CURRENTLY HAVE NINETY-FOUR (94) COMBINED PREFERENCE POINTS FOR DIFFERENT SEASONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT DECISIONS MADE WILL IMPACT MY PREFERENCE POINTS I HAVE INVESTED IN AND POSSIBLE PREFERENCE POINT ACCUMULATION FOR THE ARCHERY DEER SEASON. I BELIEVE A HARD LOOK AT LANDOWNER PERMITS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND POSSIBLE OUT OF STATE PERMITS ALSO. FIFTY PERCENT ALLOCATION TO LANDOWNERS SEEMS EXCESSIVE AND JUST LIKE OUR ELK POPULATION MAYBE WE NEED TO LOOK AT IN-STATE RESIDENT TAGS FOR OUR WHITETAIL AND MULE DEER BUCKS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY OPINION.
- 4493 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU DO AWAY WITH MULTIPLE DEER TAGS PER SEASON. WITH THE WAY OUR DEER POPULATION STANDS ONE BUCK OR ONE DOE SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR OUR HUNTERS. THIS SHOULD BE THE SAME FOR

OUR YOUTH. I WENT HUNTING WITH A FRIEND AND HIS BOY ONE YEAR AND HIS BOY HAD FOUR TAGS, NO ONE NEEDS FOUR TAGS, IT'S NOT RIGHT. NOW I KNOW PEOPLE WANT TO SHOOT BUCKS SO IF YOU DON'T DRAW A BUCK TAG AND GET A DOE TAG THERE COULD BE A PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM PUT ON PLACE FOR THAT. PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL HAVE BETTER HUNTS IN THE FUTURE IF WE SACRIFICE SOME IN THE PRESENT.

4498 I AM DISABLED WITH MS MY ABILITIES ARE GETTING LESS AND LESS EVERY YEAR SO I AM NOT A GOOD PERSON FOR INFORMATION BUT I STILL LOVE TO DEER HUNT AND I'M NOT A LANDOWNER.

4509 LANDOWNERS SHOULD NOT BE ANY BETTER THAN THE REST OF US; THEY DO NOT OWN THE DEER ANY MORE THAN WE DO. THEY SHOULD APPLY JUST LIKE THE REST OF US. DO YOU THINK THEY JUST HUNT THEIR OWN LAND "NOT." SOME OF US DON'T DRAW A TAG IN THREE YEARS. FARMERS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE DRAWINGS LIKE THE REST OF US. PUT THE TAGS THEY WOULD GET IN THE DRAWINGS SO MAYBE OTHERS COULD MAYBE GET ONE.

4511 PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE ANYTHING. IF YOU DO FEEL OBLIGATED TO CHANGE SOMETHING GO TO A "TRUE" PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM. THAT WAY THOSE WITH MOST POINTS, GET THE TAGS. THERE CAN BE NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS SYSTEM. IT IS THE ONLY "FAIR" WAY COMPLAINTS DOWN AND EVERYONE ON THE SAME PAGE. YOU CAN'T PLACE EVERYONE WITH IT PREFERENCE POINTS OR 2-10PP IN SOME GROUP. THOSE WITH THE MOST SHOULD GET THE TAGS. I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU GIVE 75% OF BUCK TAGS TO THOSE WITH THE MOST POINTS AND GIVE THE OTHER 25% TO ALL OTHERS IN RANDOM LOTTERY DRAW. THIS GIVES EVEN THOSE WITH ZERO OR A COUPLE PREFERENCE POINTS HOPE AND A CHANCE. LEAVE THE ARCHERY SEASON ALONE, PLEASE!

4516 LEAVE RESIDENT ARCHERY SEASONS ALONE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF REDUCING OR INCREASING DOE TAGS AS NEEDED. ALSO MANY RESIDENT FAMILIES WHO HAVE LONG STANDING TRADITIONS OF HUNTING BOTH WEST AND EAST RIVER. COULD LIMIT NON-RESIDENTS MORE, AND SPECIAL SEASONS.

4522 40 ACRES

4523 I WOULD RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED TO ONE HUNTER AND ALLOW ONLY ONE BUCK LICENSE OUT OF THE TWO OR THREE LICENSE HE MIGHT RECEIVE. QUESTION: WHY IS THE STATE CHARGING \$5.00 FOR PREFERENCE POINTS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS? IF THE GFP NEEDS MONEY WHY NOT INCREASE THE LICENSE FEE?

4525 I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT LANDOWNER LICENSE BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF YOUNG AND OLDER PEOPLE GET LANDOWNER PERMITS AND DON'T OWN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF LAND OR NO LAND AT ALL. BUT IN ALL I THINK ALL YOU DO A TOUGH JOB ON DETERMINING THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

- 4527 I THINK ALL RESIDENTS LANDOWNERS OR NON-LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ON THE SAME DRAW. IF YOU GUYS CUT DOWN TAGS THEY SHOULD BE NONRESIDENT TAGS NOT THE RESIDENTS' TAGS. GIVE THE TAGS TO THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA YEAR ROUND. LANDOWNERS SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR TWO LANDOWNER'S TAGS IN ONE HOUSEHOLD.
- 4529 GIVE FIRST PREFERENCE TO RESIDENTS OF COUNTY APPLYING FOR.
- 4532 STOP SELLING PREFERENCE POINTS
- 4534 LAND OWNER PREFERENCE IS BEING ABUSED. GROWN CHILDREN LIVING IN TOWN ARE CLAIMING THE PREFERENCE. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOING ON. IF LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED THERE SHOULD BE A CHECK SYSTEM AND THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THE RULES SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR 10 YEARS. WITH TAX RECORDS ON THE COMPUTER SYSTEM NOW IT SHOULD BE EASY TO CHECK OWNERSHIP IN MANY COUNTIES. I THINK THIS WOULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. THIS RULE IS NOW THERE, JUST ENFORCE IT.
- 4538 BEING A RESIDENT FOR MORE THAN THIRTY FIVE YEARS AND NOT RECEIVING A HILLS TAG IN FOUR YEARS REALLY UPSETS ME. IF YOU CAN'T BE FAIRER WITH YOUR TAGS THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY A NEW SYSTEM. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HUNT HILLS DEER
- 4541 PEOPLE IN THIS STATE THAT HUNT AND TAKE IT SERIOUSLY THAT UNDERSTAND GAME MANAGEMENT I FEEL ARE NOT BEING TREATED FAIRLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE ALLOCATION PROCESS. I DID NOT RECEIVE A RIFLE TAG THIS YEAR. SO, I WILL TAKE MY CHANCES WITH MY ARCHERY TAG WHICH IS A LOT LOWER SUCCESS RATE. I FEEL THAT THE 50% LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABOUT 15 % AND OPEN MORE LICENSES TO THE SERIOUS HUNTERS. RIGHT NOW MOST COUNTIES ARE CORPORATE FARMS AND YOU CAN'T HUNT THEM ANYWAY. I BELIEVE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNER NUMBERS ARE DOWN. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE BUCK TAGS ANTLERLESS WORKS AS WELL.
- 4544 I OWN 120 ACRES WEST RIVER. I WOULD LIKE A PREFERRED TAG EVERY FEW YEARS. LAST YEAR I WENT HUNTING DEER FOR 4 TAGS, AFTER 10 DAYS AND THE JANUARY SEASON. I GOT ALL TAGS FILLED. HUNTING PARTNER WAS SKUNKED. I AM RETIRED AND USED THE ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS DURING ANTELOPE SEASON. WHY THE CHANGE??
- 4557 GET RID OF THE SPECIAL BUCK. IT'S FOR THE RICH PEOPLE WITH MONEY CAN GET A BUCK TAG NOT FAIR AT ALL!!
- 4565 MY ONLY INPUT WOULD BE TO SEE MORE LICENSES GIVEN TO HUNTERS WHO MAY BE MALE HUNTERS IN A FAMILY THAT ARE HUNTING TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILY. SOUNDS OLD FASHIONED BUT WE HOPE FOR DUAL TAGS EVERY YEAR AND PROCESS 4 DEER TO PROVIDE FOR OUR FAMILY FOR THIS YEAR. EVEN WITH PROCESSING THIS SAVES US A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT AS WELL AS BETTER HEALTH BENEFITS AND HELPING OUR STATE. WE FIND IT HARD TO WATCH OTHER HUNTERS, ESPECIALLY OUT OF STATE (YES - I'M AWARE OF THE MONEY THAT BRINGS IN) WHO HUNT FOR TROPHIES ONLY. THIS YEAR WE

WERE ONLY ABLE TO GET SECOND DRAWING DOE TAGS. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GRATEFUL, WE KNOW WE WILL RUN OUT BEFORE NEXT SEASON. I DO BELIEVE HUNTERS APPLYING FOR JUST ONE SEASON SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER HUNTERS THAT CAN HUNT MULTIPLE SEASONS AND LOCATIONS.

- 4582 [preference points] BUT QUIT SELLING THE POINTS IF STILL SELLING THEM I WOULD VOTE NO.
- 4593 OWING LAND IN SD SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HUNTING TAGS. IF YOU OPEN YOUR LAND TO HUNTERS...YOU SHOULD THEN GET PREFERENCE, BUT JUST OWING LAND IS A POOR WAY TO GIVE OUT TAGS. I'M SURE THIS POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE UNPOPULAR WITH LANDOWNERS THAT HUNT, BUT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH ACRES FOR ALL OF US TO OWN THAT MUCH LAND...SO WHY SHOULD THE FEW THAT DO GET TAGS? IF YOU CAN GET AN ARCHERY TAG EVERY YEAR IN THE BLACK HILLS...YOU SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A MUZZLELOADER TAG FOR USE IN THE BLACK HILLS. GFP SHOULD BE MANAGING DEER AND WILDLIFE ON POPULATION SURVEYS, PURE SCIENCE, AND HEALTH OF THE HERD...NOT HUNTERS' OPINIONS OR POLITICS.
- 4597 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST, WEST AND ARCHERY DEER. [expectation to draw] ARCHERY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY OVER THE COUNTER. [landowner preference] IT SHOULD GO BY DEER NUMBERS ON LAND. HAVE LANDOWNERS TELL HOW MANY DEER ON LAND, LAND MANAGEMENT. [landowner preference] DEPENDING, QUALITY OF LAND/DEER PER ACRE. [general comments] TOO MANY POACHERS NOT ENOUGH GFP OFFICERS. 2. EHD HAPPENS. 3. COYOTES, COUGERS, WOLVES. 4. CAR, TRUCKS. 5. SOME OF THE LAND IN WALK IN IS NOT GOOD. ALL PASTURE LAND GRAZED OVER BY CATTLE, NOTHING BUT LITTLE BITS OF GRASS THAT YOU COULDN'T EVEN HIDE A CHIPMUNK IN. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS? WE NEED MORE PUBLIC LAND, BUT BETTER QUALITY. PLEASE LET OUT OF STATE WATERFOWL HUNTERS HAVE WHOLE SEASON OVER HERE FOR THE PRICE THEY PAY. I HAVE FAMILY IN MN, THEY WANT TO HUNT HERE FOR DUCKS, GEESE BUT NOT FOR THAT PRICE, AND ONLY 2 WEEKS!
- 4603 I THINK YOU NEED TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE LANDOWNER TAGS. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT GIVE LANDOWNER TAGS TO THEIR FRIENDS OR NON-IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS FAIR. NO MATTER HOW MUCH LAND YOU OWN YOU SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED X NUMBER TAGS WITH NO MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR. THESE PEOPLE THAT OWN 600 ACRES THAT GET 5 TAGS OR MORE IS A JOKE. AS FAR AS THE DRAWING GOES I THINK RESIDENTS OF THAT COUNTY SHOULD GET SHOWN SOME PREFERENCE OVER PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTIES. IF TAGS ARE LEFT OVER THEN THEY CAN GET THEM. BUT I SEE MORE PEOPLE DEER HUNTING IN MY COUNTY WITH 1 PLATES ON THEIR VEHICLE THEN I DO WITH MY COUNTY ON THEM.
- 4605 HUNTERS AFTER BUCKS WANT TROPHY BUCKS BUT EVERYBODY SHOTS ANY BUCK. IT SHOULD BE LIKE FISHING AND HAVE A MINIMUM SIZE BUCK BEFORE YOU CAN SHOOT IT.
- 4606 IF CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING BUCK TAGS AND COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY NEED TO STOP. IF I DO NOT DRAW MY PREFERENCE, THERE HAVE

ALWAYS BEEN SUFFICIENT TAGS AVAILABLE IN OTHER COUNTIES FOR MULTIPLE BUCK LICENSES. I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE WHO FEEL SLIGHTED ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO VENTURE FROM THEIR HOME AREA AND DO NOT QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I DO NOT MIND LANDOWNERS GETTING SOME KIND OF PREFERENCE, BUT I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT MANY LANDOWNERS APPLY IN THE GENERAL DRAWING EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL ONLY HUNT THEIR LAND. THEY DO THIS SO FEWER PEOPLE CAN DRAW A TAG FOR THEIR AREA, THUS LEAVING MORE BUCKS IN THEIR AREA FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. LIKE I SAID THEY DESERVE SOMETHING, BUT IT SHOULD BE LIKE 25% OF THE TAGS INSTEAD OF 50%. IF THEY COULD NOT TURN AROUND AND BASICALLY DRAW A REDUCED TAG OVER THE COUNTER FOR HUNTING JUST THEIR OWN LAND, I WOULD SUPPORT THE 50%, BUT SINCE THEY CAN BUY A REDUCED TAG ANYTIME THEY WANT, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MUCH FAIRER IF THEY WERE ONLY GUARANTEED 25% OF THE GENERAL DRAW TAGS.

4607 WE NEED TO CHANGE THE DRAWINGS SO THAT THOSE WITH THE MOST PREFERENCE POINTS DRAW FIRST. MOST OTHER STATES ARE THIS WAY AND YOU CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE WHEN YOU WILL BE DRAWING A TAG SO YOU CAN PLAN AHEAD.

4608 COMMERCIALIZED HUNTING HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SD RESIDENTS AND YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF HUNTING FROM SMALL GAME TO BIG GAME. I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN THE COMMERCIAL DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY THE OVER HUNTING OF HIGH DENSITY AREAS AND THE INCREASE IN THE RELEASE OF PEN RAISED BIRDS FOR PHEASANTS FOR FEE HUNTING. IN THE FUTURE THE HUNTING LANDSCAPE IN SOUTH DAKOTA WILL MIRROR EUROPE. IN EUROPE ONLY PEOPLE WITH EXPENDABLE CURRENCY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT. THE WAGES FOR GAME WARDENS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IS RIDICULOUS. YOU REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE A BS IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND THE STARTING SALARY IS \$25,000/YEAR. YOU WONDER WHY YOU HAVE COUNTIES WITH NO WARDENS PATROLLING THE LAND BASE. COMPLICATED ISSUES HERE. I HOPE IT WILL GET BETTER BUT STATISTICS SHOW SOUTH DAKOTA HAS A DWINDLING NUMBER OF RESIDENT HUNTERS ON A YEARLY BASIS.

4610 I KNOW THE GF&P DOES THE BEST IT CAN TO MANAGE WILDLIFE. I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS!

4627 [fairness of current system] A FEW LOCATIONS HAVE MANY ARCHERY LICENSES CONSEQUENTLY THE HUNT IS CONCENTRATED IN CERTAIN AREAS IN PARKS ETC. [ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE QUOTA] I THINK ONE LICENSE PER ARCHER AND THEN THEY ENTER THE DRAWINGS. [preference points] NO POINTS EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO REQUESTED A BUCK ONLY AND DIDN'T GET IT. IF YOU PREFER A DOE LICENSE NO PREFERENCE. [alternative allocation processes] I THINK YOU ARE BETTER INFORMED. CRP DESTRUCTION PROBABLY HAD AS MUCH EFFECT AS DISEASE. [landowner preference] LANDOWNERS ALLOWING HUNTING ON THEIR LAND SHOULD GET THE LICENSE FEES. THOSE THAT CLOSE LAND TO HUNTING SHOULD ENTER THE DRAWING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. SOME ONE IS SELLING OR TRADING FOR PROJECTS AS GROUPS OF PEOPLE A GRAZING LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING. SO FOR ACRES OF

LAND AVAILABLE FOR HUNTING SO THEY ARE THE LAND. RESTRICT HUNTING TO THEM AND PAYING CUSTOMERS GUARANTEED LICENSES. ALLOW HUNTING ON THE LAND OR PAY FOR A LICENSE DRAW LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

- 4629 I DO NOT LIKE THE CHANGES MADE TO THE PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM. ACCUMULATING POINTS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SUCCESSFULLY DRAW A BUCK DEER HUNTING LICENSES FOR MUZZLELOADER SEASON. THE NEW SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE CATERING TO SOME PEOPLE.
- 4645 I PAY TAXES ALL YEAR FOR THIS STATE, I FEEL THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY OUT OF STATE HUNTERS IF I CAN'T DRAW A TAG FOR THREE YEARS. YOU DID IT WITH ANTELOPE. [archery firearm restriction] JUST BECAUSE YOU GET AN ARCHERY TAG DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL PUT MEAT IN YOUR FREEZER.
- 4652 ALL HUNTERS WITH A # OF YEARS GET FILLED BEFORE FIRST YEAR GET THERE DRAW. SOMEONE THAT HAS 5 YEARS SHOULD GET A TAG BEFORE A FIRST YEAR APPLICANT.
- 4657 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DRAWING DATE INFORMATION ON THE GFP WEBSITE. DATES OF DRAWINGS AREN'T LISTED SO IT'S LIKE WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENS. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENSES FOR A UNIT WHEN I'M APPLYING. HAD I KNOWN THERE WERE ONLY 200 LICENSES FOR MY PREFERRED UNIT (UNION COUNTY) AND NO ONE WITHOUT A PREFERENCE POINT WAS GETTING ONE (AS EVIDENCED ON THE STATISTICS), I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED MY TIME APPLYING. I'M ALSO A DEER HUNTER WHO DOESN'T CARE IF I GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR; I JUST WANT A TAG OF SOME KIND EVERY YEAR. I HUNT FOR MEAT, NOT TROPHIES. THANK YOU FOR READING THIS!
- 4667 I THINK MORE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ADDRESS GETTING DEER TAGS IN THE HANDS OF RESIDENTS AND REDUCING OR ELIMINATING OUT OF STATE PERMITS. ALSO RESIDENTS OF COUNTIES SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE ABOVE ALL OTHER APPLICANTS FOR TAGS. IF TAGS REMAIN THEN OTHER NON-COUNTY RESIDENTS COULD APPLY. MORE TAGS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ROAD KILL. TOO MANY DEER LYING ALONG THE ROADWAYS.
- 4671 I OWN A PATCH OF 28 ACRES WHICH IS PRIME HUNTING GROUND AND WHEN I DON'T DRAW A RIFLE TAG, I CANNOT HUNT IT WITH A RIFLE. I KNOW LANDOWNERS HAVE TO ALLOCATE THE CERTAIN PROPERTY THEY ARE GOING TO USE FOR LANDOWNER. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GET A LANDOWNERS TAG IF I AM UNSUCCESSFUL BY DRAW FOR JUST MY 28 ACRES. I KNOW THIS TAG WILL ONLY BE GOOD FOR THE 28 ACRES BUT THAT IS FINE AND ALL I WANT TO HUNT. 160 ACRES IS A LOT FOR PEOPLE TO OWN JUST TO DRAW A LANDOWNERS TAG.
- 4672 THE ABUSE OF LANDOWNER PERMITS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.
- 4673 LETS EITHER SEVERELY LIMIT NONRESIDENT LICENSES OR RAISE THE PRICE SIGNIFICANTLY. THEY COME TO SD WITH EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT SURELY THEY CAN AND WILL PAY SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FOR A NONRESIDENT LICENSE.

RAISING THE PRICE WILL NOT DETER APPLICANTS AND IT WILL PROVIDE MORE MONEY FOR THE GF&P. DOE LICENSES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ONE DOE AND SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED IN COUNTIES WITH DECLINING DEER POPULATIONS.

- 4688 THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED; IN FACT THE PREFERENCE SYSTEM SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED ALL TOGETHER INCLUDING LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. PURCHASING POINTS ALLOWS AN INDIVIDUAL TO PURCHASE A LICENSE IF ENOUGH POINTS ARE PURCHASED THIS SEEMS TO ME ONLY A WAY FOR THE GF&P TO INCREASE THEIR REVENUE AND ALLOWS THE WEALTHY TO BE DRAWN FOR LICENSES. I THINK THE SYSTEM WAS OKAY AS IT WAS WHEN I ARRIVED IN SD IN 1997. I THINK MORE ANTLERLESS TAGS ONLY COULD BE ISSUED IN AREAS WHERE NUMBERS ARE HIGH. I DO NOT MIND TAKING AN ANTLERLESS DEER. I AM NOT A TROPHY HUNTER AND I FEEL THERE WOULD BE A GREATER TROPHY NUMBER OF BUCKS IN THE HILLS IF FOCUS WAS MORE ON ANTLERED DEER FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.
- 4692 HOW MANY LICENSES ON THE SAME FARM AND CAN A LANDOWNER GIVE HIS LANDOWNER TO SON OR GRANDSON TO USE IF THERE IS ONLY 1 LICENSE TO FARM?
- 4697 IT'S TIME TO SPLIT THE ANY MUZZLE LOADER LICENSE TO EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER OR BLACK HILLS
- 4701 I FEEL THAT IF YOU LIVE IN A SPECIFIC COUNTY THAT YOU SHOULD GET PREFERENCE OVER THE PEOPLE WHO ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT DON'T LIVE IN THAT SPECIFIC COUNTY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF I LIVE IN BROWN COUNTY THEN I SHOULD GET PREFERENCE OVER SOMEONE WHO LIVES IN DAY COUNTY AND IS APPLYING FOR A BROWN COUNTY LICENSE.
- 4704 I LIKE THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY SET UP. THE ONLY CHANGES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS BEING ABLE TO GET AN ANY DEER TAG IN BOTH STATEWIDE AND WEST OR EAST RIVER ARCHERY DEER LICENSES, AND A RETURN TO THE POINT RESTRICTION IN THE BLACK HILLS, ESPECIALLY BEING NOW YOU CAN GET AN ANY DEER OR ANY WHITETAIL TAG FOR FIREARMS.
- 4705 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 4706 IN THE AREA THAT I HUNT I SEE A LOT OF LANDOWNERS GETTING LICENSES AND THE HUNTING ON PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THEM. OR GUYS GETTING LANDOWNER LICENSES THAT DON'T OWN THE LAND. I THINK THIS NEEDS TO BE MONITORED MORE CLOSELY.
- 4707 I BELIEVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS FAIR. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY CHANGE TO THE WAY WE ARE DOING THINGS NOW.
- 4709 WINTER KILL AND DISEASE ARE BAD ENOUGH BUT THE LIONS MUST GO. JUST RECENTLY 3 LIONS KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT ALL OF WHICH WERE STARVING, WHAT'S DOES THAT TELL YOU. IF WANT TO CUT TAGS THEN START LOOKING AT NONRESIDENT TAGS MOST THOSE [expletive deleted] DON'T CARE ABOUT PROPERTY RIGHTS OR JUST PLAIN AND SIMPLE HUNTER ETHICS.

- 4712 I BOW HUNT AND RIFLE HUNT. RIFLE IN TWO TO THREE COUNTIES AND BOW IN TWO, ALL EAST RIVER AND 200 PLUS MILES FROM WHERE I LIVE. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE MAY BE COMPLAINING ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO SOMETIMES IF EXTREMELY LUCKY WILL GET MULTIPLE BUCK TAGS. THE MAIN COUNTY I LIKE TO HUNT IN YOU CAN ONLY GET A TAG WITH A PREFERENCE POINT, WHICH MEANS WHEN I DO GET A TAG THE SECOND COUNTY I TRY TO GET A BUCK TAG FOR IS NOT UNTIL 3RD DRAWING-WHICH RARELY HAS TAGS LEFT. THIRD COUNTY I THEN ONLY HOPE THERE IS LEFTOVERS. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT THOSE COUNTIES W/BUCK TAGS IN THIRD OR LEFTOVER DRAWINGS ARE NOT GOOD COUNTIES TO HUNT IN. I STILL BUY THEM AND THEN RARELY GET TO FILL THEM. I THEN ALWAYS TRY TO GET DOE TAGS FOR ALL COUNTIES WHEN POSSIBLE AND ALMOST ALWAYS DO FOR TWO OF THE COUNTIES. I DO NOT HUNT FOR HORNS I HUNT FOR MEAT. I LOVE TO SHOOT 5,6,7 DEER A YEAR. I GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND SOMETIMES I DON'T GET ANY BUCK TAGS EXCEPT FOR ARCHERY. MOST OF THE DEER I SHOOT ARE DOE AND MOST OF MY BUCK TAGS GO ON DOE, BUT I ALWAYS HAVE MORE FUN IF I HAVE A TAG JUST IN CASE A GOOD BUCK GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY. THIS SURVEY SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOME PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GETTING A BUCK TAG IN SOME OF THE REALLY GOOD HUNTING COUNTIES AND THEY ARE JEALOUS OF PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO PUT IN THE TIME, EFFORT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY MONEY TO HUNT A GOOD COUNTY AND THEN A FEW NOT SO GOOD COUNTIES TO HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT A BUCK. LIKE I SAID, COUNTY 1 IS A BUCK TAG EVERY OTHER YEAR BUT I STILL USE SECOND CHOICE FOR A DOE TAG BECAUSE OF MY PASSION TO HUNT. WITH BOW HUNTING I USUALLY BUY EAST, AND WEST BUCK TAGS AND ALSO SOMETIMES UP TO 5 DOE TAGS BECAUSE I THINK EVERY YEAR IT WILL BE EASY BUT 6 YEARS I HAVE YET TO EVEN TAKE A DOE AND HAVE YET TO EVEN GO WEST RIVER. AGAIN I SPEND A LOT OF MONEY TO HUNT, AND MOSTLY ON PUBLIC LANDS AND HAVE NEVER TAKEN A DEER WITH A BOW BUT ALMOST ALWAYS FILL MY RIFLE TAGS WITH AT LEAST DOE- AND I EAT EVERY LAST BIT OF THEM
- 4714 I THINK THAT THE COUNTY RESIDENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW BEFORE THE APPLICANTS FROM OUTSIDE THAT UNIT
- 4730 [archery firearm restriction] EXTREMELY OPPOSE!!!
- 4735 I QUALIFY AS A LANDOWNER BUT HAVE NOT EVER APPLIED FOR A DEER TAG AS A LANDOWNER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LAND ISSUE REDUCED TO 80 ACRES AND ALSO QUALIFY LANDOWNERS. LANDOWNERS PAY THE TAXES, RENTERS MAY FARM OR RANCH THE LAND BUT THEY DO NOT PAY TAXES THAT HELP SUPPORT GF&P. THE SURVEY INDICATES THERE WILL BE AN EXTREME LIMIT ON DEER TAGS, TAGS WILL BE CONTROLLED PERHAPS ON A STATE LEVEL AND NOT BY COUNTY. THIS IS NOT DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT. WEST RIVER IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM EAST RIVER AS WELL AS THE BLACK HILLS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN EXCELLENT MICROMANAGEMENT SYSTEM IF GF&P WILL PURSUE DEER MANAGEMENT. IT ALSO APPEARS THE DOOR MAY BE OPENING UP TO OUT OF STATERS THUS LIMITING IN STATE DEER TAGS. WE DO NOT WANT TO LIMIT IN STATE RECREATION WHICH DEER HUNTING IS A SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS. I RECOMMEND OPEN MEETINGS IN SMALL TOWNS ACROSS THE STATE WHERE

MUCH OF THE DEER HUNTING TAKES PLACE, NOT JUST MEETING IN LARGE HOTELS IN LARGER SD CITIES. SD GF&P NEEDS A LITTLE PR WORK WITH THE PUBLIC. SD GF&P IS NOT THE MOST LOVED ORGANIZATION ACROSS THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. WE AS CITIZENS SUPPLY THE TAX DOLLARS AND LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS PRODUCE THE WILDLIFE THROUGH CONSERVATION PRACTICES.

- 4737 OUT OF COUNTY HUNTERS SHOULD DRAW LAST AFTER THE REST OF THE IN COUNTY HUNTERS GET THEIR TAGS.
- 4745 PERHAPS WE SENIORS COULD GET AN EXTRA PREFERENCE POINT EACH YEAR SINCE WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
- 4751 PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE STRONGLY CONSIDERED FOR THE DRAWING, BUT I DO NOT THINK THE NEW OPTION TO BUY PREFERENCE POINTS IS FAIR. FOR SOMEONE HUNTING FOR FOOD, NOT FOR TROPHY AND ARE ON A BUDGET MAY LOSE OUT ON THEIR OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD HATE TO SEE SOMEONE WHO DID NOT DRAW A TAG, HAVE A POINT THE FOLLOWING YEAR BUT GET "BOUGHT OUT" BY SOMEONE WILLING TO PAY EXTRA FOR A BETTER CHANCE BY BOOSTING THEIR PREFERENCE POINTS. MAYBE THERE ARE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS THAT I AM NOT AWARE OF USED TO AVOID THIS, BUT THAT'S HOW I HAVE INTERPRETED THIS CHANGE.
- 4755 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE MUZZLELOADER TAGS EACH YEAR. THERE SEEMS TO BE A DEMAND FOR THEM AND A LOW FILL PERCENTAGE. LESS RIFLE TAGS WITH HIGH FILL AND MORE MUZZLELOADER TAGS WOULD CREATE MORE REVENUE WITH THE SAME IMPACT ON DEER HERDS. I BELIEVE THE AVERAGE MUZZLELOADER HUNTER IS A MORE SERIOUS OUTDOORSMAN AND HUNTS FOR THE EXPERIENCE MORE THAN THE AVERAGE RIFLE HUNTER. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR THE ARCHERY HUNTERS. GIVE THE SHORT RANGE HUNTERS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY HUNTING AWAY FROM THE RIFLE SEASON CROWDS.
- 4756 I UNDERSTAND THERE IS POLITICS INVOLVED, RED TAPE ETC... BUT THE GFP MOVED TOO SLOW ON THE ANTELOPE ISSUE WHEN THEY REDUCED LICENSES FROM 2 DOE/KID TO 1 AND THEN THEY FINALLY CLOSED THE FT PIERRE GRASSLANDS - WAY TO GO!!! - WHY THAT ONLY TOOK 3 YEARS AND THERE IS NO ANTELOPE LEFT ANYWAY! I EXPECT THE SAME RESULT WILL HAPPEN WITH DEER - ESPECIALLY THE MULE DEER POPULATION. THE MORE LAND THAT IS BROKE UP EVERY YEAR WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN, AND THE CRP PROGRAM WILL GET SMALLER AND SMALLER EACH YEAR DUE TO GOV. FUNDS AND THE FACT THAT FARMERS CAN MAKE MORE THAN THE CRP PAYS EVEN AT \$4 CORN AND WEST RIVER GROUND. IN ADDITION THERE IS LIKELY TO BE SOME FRACKING AND DRILLING IN NORTHWEST PART OF THE STATE WHICH WILL SURELY FURTHER REDUCE THE ANTELOPE POPULATION'S STRONGHOLD - IT WILL ALSO LIKELY REDUCE THE MULE DEER. HABITAT LOSS IS IRREPLACEABLE - IF YOU CAN'T STOP THAT - THE REST IS SIMPLY A FARCE RESPONSE AND WON'T MATTER IN THE LONG RUN. PERSONALLY I DON'T FEEL YOU CAN STOP HABITAT LOSS, 20 YEARS FROM NOW ANY GROUND THAT CAN BE BROKEN UP WILL BE, WHICH WILL LEAVE YOU WITH RIVER BREAKS AND LOW PRODUCTIVE GROUND OUT WEST, ONLY WETLANDS IN EAST RIVER.

THEN YOU WILL HAVE WIND FARMS ON ANY MAJOR RIDGES (I'VE SEEN THE PLANS) - IF THE TRANSMISSION LINES WERE LARGE ENOUGH TO CARRY THE POWER OUT - SOUTH DAKOTA WOULD ALREADY HAVE FARMS ALL OVER. IF OIL/GAS DOES MOVE INTO THE STATE - THEN YOU WILL REALLY HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL. I KNOW YOUR JOB IS A DIFFICULT ONE AND I'M GUESSING MOST OF THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT IT'S POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE AND AS THEY SAY "YOU CAN STOP PROGRESS" - WHY I JUST CAN'T WAIT - HOW GREAT WILL IT BE WHEN SOUTH DAKOTA WILL BE JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER STATE, WHICH IS MANAGED FOR MONEY AND MONEY ONLY. OH WAIT - WHY WOULD ANYONE LIVE IN SD IF IT BECOMES LIKE EVERY OTHER STATE? CUZ LETS ADMIT - THE WEATHER IS NOT SOO GOOD.... I LOVE HUNTING MULE DEER AND ANTELOPE ON THE MISSOURI BREAKS AND GRASSLANDS NEAR FORT PIERRE, I HAVE BEEN AROUND MOST OF THE COUNTRY AND THE QUALITY OF HUNTING USE TO BE TOP NOTCH IN SOUTH DAKOTA - I CAN NO LONGER SAY THAT... YOU SHOULD WORK STRONGLY ON A STATE HABITAT PROGRAM (NOT THE "WALK IN PROGRAM" BECAUSE THAT DOES NOT REALLY SAVE HABITAT IT MAINLY PROVIDES HUNTER ACCESS) BUT NOW YOU NEED TO START SAVING HABITAT. I HAVE HOPE AND WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!

- 4759 GO TO A TRUE PREFERENCE, 2 PREFERENCE BE FOR 1
- 4763 WHY IS MUZZLELOADER AND YOUTH DEER SHUT OFF TO HUNTING IN MOST COUNTIES BUT ARCHERY IS NOT? I THINK YOUTH DEER SHOULDN'T BE CLOSED ANYWHERE IN THE STATE TOO BECAUSE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN HUNTING.
- 4765 GO BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM WHY CHANGE WHEN IT'S NOT BROKE
- 4767 IT APPEARS THE ONLY THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED THE \$5.00 TO PURCHASE A PREFERENCE POINT WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE DRAWING FOR BLACK HILLS TAGS.
- 4769 [expectation to draw] I HAVE 120 ACRES AND GOOD HABITAT FOR DEER. YOU HAVE IT WHERE ONLY THE RICH CAN HUNT. I HAVE ABOUT 120 ACRES AND MORE DEER THAN PEOPLE WITH A 1000 ACRES? IF YOU GET A DEER TAG ONE YEAR THE NEXT YEAR YOUR NAME GETS PUT IN SECOND DRAWING. IT SEEMS TO TAKE ME 4 TO 5 YEARS TO GET A DEER TAG AND THE RICH GET ONE EVERY YEAR.
- 4776 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SYSTEM WHERE YOU APPLY FOR A BUCK TAG AND THEN CHOOSE WHICH SEASON; ARCHERY, RIFLE, BLACK POWDER TO HARVEST IT. DOE TAGS ALLOCATED AS OUR CURRENT SYSTEM WORKS.
- 4780 WHY NOT ADD 50 LANDOWNER TAGS IN THE SPECIAL BUCK SEASONS IF THEY OWN SAY 240 ACRES AND ARE WILLING TO PAY THE EXTRA DOLLARS? THIS WOULD HELP TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR HABITAT OR FEED FOR THE DEER IN THE WINTER. NO MORE TRIPLE TAG LICENSES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE.
- 4782 THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SYSTEM SHOULD BE SOMEHOW TIED TO HABITAT CONSERVATION. IF A GUY OWNS 160 ACRES THAT IS FARMED FROM

FENCEROW TO FENCEROW, THEY AREN'T HELPING PROVIDE HABITAT ANY MORE THAN SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T OWN LAND SO WHY SHOULD THEY GET PREFERENCE.

4785 I DO THINK THAT SOUTH DAKOTA DOES A GREAT JOB OF OFFERING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EVERYONE. SOME UNITS MAY BE LIMITED BUT THAT IS JUST PART OF MANAGING THAT AREA.

4798 MAKE SURE THAT LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSES ARE REALLY BEING USED BY AN ELIGIBLE LANDOWNER OR OPERATOR NOT THE GUY'S BROTHER ETC. CHECK ON ELIGIBILITY JUST DO NOT THINK THAT EVERYONE IS HONEST. IF THE LANDOWNER WANTS TO PUT HIS SON'S NAME ON THE LICENSE HAVE HIM SPECIFY ON THE APPLICATION, A 21 YEAR OLD COLLEGE STUDENT IS NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER LANDOWNER/OPERATOR, RULES. ALSO DO NOT ALLOW BOWHUNTERS TO CONTINUE TO BUY LICENSES UP TO A CERTAIN DATE AND SHOOT 5 DOES BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED DOES HAVE OFFSPRING AND BUCKS DO NOT. THIS MAYBE WOULD ALLOW MORE BUCKS TO BE BORN. I REALIZE YOU HAVE A TIGHT LINE TO WALK KEEPING THE LANDOWNER HAPPY AND THE HUNTER AND THE DRIVER THAT RUNS INTO A DEER. BUT WE DO LIVE IN SD AND HAVE DEER ON THE ROAD. IF THEY [complain] TOO MUCH ABOUT DEER ACCIDENTS TELL THEM TO MOVE TO NEW YORK OR BOSTON AND NOT WORRY ABOUT DEER ACCIDENTS. SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO TALK TO THE LANDOWNER ABOUT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS. IN MY AREA MOST ARE EASY TO TALK TO BUT AS IN ANY PROFESSION THERE ARE SOME [expletive deleted]. SEVERAL LANDOWNERS WONDERED WHY WE HELICOPTERED AND IMPLANTED FEMALES TO TRACK YOUNG AT BIRTH WITH A COLLAR WHEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO WAS SEE HOW MANY COYOTES WERE THERE AND SPEND THE MONEY ON KILLING COYOTES.

4801 LANDOWNER SHOULD MEAN HUNTING ON YOUR OWN LAND

4804 I HAVE FRIENDS THAT DID NOT DRAW A BUCK DEER TAG THIS YEAR. THEY THINK IT'S NOT FAIR THAT I DREW 3 TAGS THIS YEAR YET THEY DO NOT, AND WOULD NOT APPLY FOR ANYTHING OUTSIDE THEIR AREA. IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF I AM WILLING TO DRIVE 400 MILES TO HUNT IN THE BLACK HILLS OR 200 FOR A WEST RIVER TAG. PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE. THE BEAUTY OF THE BLACK HILLS AND CSP, THE BLUFFS, BANKS OF THE BIG MISSOURI RIVER AT SUN RISE - HOME HUNT WITH MY TWO SONS AND FRIENDS. REFUGE DEER WITH FRIENDS. ALL OF THESE HUNTS ARE SPECIAL. THAT WHAT MAKES APPLYING FOR ALL TYPES OF LICENSES SO GREAT. WHAT NEW EXPERIENCES AWAIT?

4818 I DO NOT THINK ANY FARMER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HUNT ON ANYONE BUT HIS OWN LAND! MY SON-IN-LAW LIVES IN TOWN AND HAS NOT DRAWN A TAG IN 7 YEARS YET HIS BROTHER WHO HUNTS ON THE RANCH GETS AT LEAST 2 TAGS EVERY YEAR, IT DOES NOT SEEM FAIR. I WAS IN THE NAVY FOR 20 YEARS, I MISSED 20 YEARS OF SD DEER HUNTING, KILLED MY FIRST DEER AT 36 YEARS OF AGE BUT I MUST ADMIT I'VE BEEN VERY LUCKY AND GFP DO A FINE JOB.

- 4832 I FEEL THE SPORTSPERSON WITH THE MOST PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE GRANTED A BUCK LICENSE OR LICENSE OF CHOICE. THE APPLICANTS WITH ANY NUMBER OF PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE SATISFIED, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THERE IS A DRAWING. AFTER ALL PREFERENCE IS PREFERENCE. EXAMPLE I AM USING YOUR 2013 FIREARM DEER HUNTING STATS IN TABLE ONE WITH 60179 APPLICANTS AND 42680 LICENSES AVAILABLE, THAT WOULD LEAVE 17,499. IN 2014 GRANT THE 17499 APPLICANTS A LICENSE, IF THEY APPLY. THE REMAINDER OF LICENSES WOULD BE FOR THE WEIGHTED LOTTERY DRAWINGS.
- 4833 PEOPLE WITH TOTAL DISABILITY REDUCED FEE PERMITS THAT NEED ASSISTANCE HUNTING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HUNT DURING YOUTH HUNT...MANY STATES DO THIS AND ABLE HUNTERS DO NOT HAVE TO SPEND TIME DURING THEIR SEASON TO HELP THEIR DISABLED FRIENDS.
- 4847 I THINK MAKING ARCHERY DEER TAGS A LOTTERY SYSTEM WOULD BE A HUGE MISTAKE. I HAVE GOT AN ARCHERY TAG THE LAST 2 YEARS AND HAVE NOT SHOT A DEER YET. I GET AN ARCHERY TAG SO I CAN GO SIT IN A TREE STAND AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. IF A LARGE BUCK COMES MY WAY I WILL FILL MY TAG, IF NOT I WILL ENJOY BEING OUT THERE. GETTING AN ARCHERY TAG ALLOWS ME TO HUNT EVERY YEAR NO MATTER WHAT. I ONLY DRAW A RIFLE TAG EVERY COUPLE YEARS AND DO NOT LIKE DRIVING ACROSS THE STATE TO GET A LEFTOVER RIFLE TAG IN A COUNTY I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH JUST TO BE ABLE TO HUNT.
- 4859 LICENSE FIRST CHOICE SHOULD GO TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY THEY APPLY IN. STRONGLY AGREE TO LEAVE YOUTH SEASON AS IS. STRONGLY OPPOSE PAYING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS. BIG BUCKS WILL BE THE ONLY HUNTERS. REMEMBER TAX PAYERS ARE CITIZENS TOO.
- 4866 WE DON'T NEED ANY KIND OF LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SYSTEM. WE ALSO DON'T NEED ANY KIND OF LANDOWNER LICENSE PROGRAM BECAUSE THAT IS PART OF THE LOTTERY SYSTEM THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT, IF THEY ABSOLUTELY NEED A LICENSE OR THE WORLD WOULD JUST END THEN THEY CAN JUST GET AN ARCHERY LICENSE LIKE ALL THE REST OF US HAVE TO. SOME ARGUE THAT IF THEY DIDN'T GET SPECIAL TREATMENT (WHICH GOES TOTALLY AGAINST THE FAIR LOTTERY SYSTEM WE SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE THOSE DEER ARE FOR SOUTH DAKOTANS NOT FARMERS) THEY WOULDN'T LET PEOPLE HUNT OR PULL LAND OUT OF OUR HUNTING PROGRAMS AND REPRODUCTION PROGRAMS THEN SO BE IT. IF THEY ARE REAL SOUTH DAKOTANS THEN THEY WOULD BE FINE WITH A FAIR DRAWING PROGRAM.
- 4872 I BELIEVE THAT FIRST DRAWING SHOULD BE RESIDENTS AND LAND OWNERS FOR THEIR COUNTY ONLY, NO NON-RESIDENT SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FIRST DRAWING OF A COUNTY WHERE THEY ARE NOT A RESIDENT. LEFT-OVER COUNTY LICENSES COULD THEN BE ELIGIBLE FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY RESIDENTS.
- 4881 1. I'M 74 YEARS OLD AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF POSSIBLE - SAY YOU APPLY FOR YOUR FIRST CHOICE, SUCH AS I WOULD APPLY FOR A WEST RIVER TAG.

SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT GO FOR BH TAG AND SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT GO FOR AN EAST RIVER TAG ETC. BUT YOU WOULD ALWAYS GET YOUR FIRST CHOICE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE (I HAVEN'T HAD A WEST RIVER LICENSE IN 2 YEARS). 2. I HAVE PERMISSION TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND AND I CAN'T GET A LICENSE. I TALK TO MY RANCHER FRIENDS AND THEY SAY THEY HAVE THESE ROAD HUNTERS WHO DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO HUNT. THEY DRIVE UP AND DOWN THEIR ROADS HOPING THEY CAN SHOOT SOMETHING OFF THE ROAD AND THIS MAKES THE RANCHERS VERY UNHAPPY! 3. I MOST LIKELY WILL NOT APPLY FOR A BH LICENSE AGAIN. AS I'VE HAD TO EAT MY LAST 2 TAGS. WHERE I LIKE TO HUNT THE MOUNTAIN LIONS HAVE ALL BUT CLEANED OUT THE AREA AND THIS IS IN THE [...] AREA THAT SHUT DOWN FROM DEC. 15 THROUGH MAY 15TH SO YOU CAN'T EVEN HUNT MOUNTAIN LIONS IN THIS AREA. 4. I HURT MY SHOULDER 2 YEARS AGO SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BOW HUNT AND I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE FUTURE SO I HOPE NEXT YEAR I GET MY WR LICENSE.

- 4886 WHAT HAPPENED TO EAST RIVER MUZZLELOADER ANY DEER LICENSE?
- 4892 I THINK 50% OF LICENSES IS EXCESSIVE AS MORE DEMAND FOR BUCK LICENSES IS INCREASING AND FARMS ARE GETTING LARGER AND THERE ARE FEWER FARMERS NOW AND MORE HUNTERS ARE FROM NON-FARM AREAS WHICH GIVES FARM OWNERS AN AVERAGE. ONE THING TO CHECK IS THAT MANY LANDOWNERS ARE NOT FARMERS ANYMORE AND USE THE LANDOWNER OPTION AS A WAY TO GUARANTEE GETTING A BUCK LICENSE EVERY YEAR. ALSO IF DEER POPULATIONS ARE GETTING LOW MAYBE LICENSES SHOULD BE FOR BUCK ONLY AND NO ANTLERLESS LICENSE ISSUED. IF DEER NUMBERS ARE TOO LOW MAYBE THE DEER SEASON SHOULD BE CANCELLED FOR THE UNIT FOR RIFLE AND ARCHERY HUNTING.
- 4900 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY. [general comments] LEAVE ARCHERY TAGS THE WAY THEY ARE. JUST OVER 25% TAKE A BUCK AND AN AVERAGE SPEND MANY HOURS TO ACHIEVE THAT. THAT IS WHAT I LIKE ABOUT ARCHERY HUNTING.
- 4913 [landowner preference] THERE ARE A FEW RESIDENTS THAT OWN OR OPERATE JUST 80 ACRES OF LAND. I FEEL IT WOULD BE NICE FOR THEM TO QUALIFY FOR A LANDOWNER TAG.
- 4917 WE NEED TO IMPROVE HABITAT, CRP PROGRAM, FOOD PLOTS, TREE BELTS, ETC. YOU DIDN'T HEAR PEOPLE COMPLAINING YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS GOOD. I PLAN ACCORDING ON MY DEER TAGS KNOWING I WILL ONLY DRAW A BLACK HILLS TAG EVERY COUPLE YEARS.
- 4919 I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE STATE GETS THERE NUMBERS ON THE PHEASANT AND DEER POPULATION IN THE STATE. DO THEY ACTUALLY CONTACT THE FARMERS THAT ARE OUT IN THE FIELDS OR JUST DRIVE UP AND DOWN THE ROAD SEE WHAT THEY SEE? BECAUSE NUMBERS THE STATE COMES UP WITH ARE SO FAR OFF OF WHAT'S REALLY OUT THERE. I WOULD REALLY LIKE SOMEONE TO LET ME KNOW HOW THIS IS DONE. THANKS
- 4924 FARMERS DON'T NEED A LANDOWNER TAG. THEY SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. THEY CHARGE LIKE HELL OR WILL NOT LET YOU

HUNT SO WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE A GIVE ME TAG. AND DO NOT GIVE ME THAT BS THAT THEY FEED THEM ALL. WE ALL PAY FOR THE CRP WHICH MADE THEM THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. AND THE ELK TAG THAT YOU AUCTION OFF IS JUST FOR THE BIG DOLLARS GUYS. WE ALL WANT TO HUNT.

- 4932 SD HAS A GOOD PROVEN SYSTEM WHICH OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO SIMPLY APPLY. THERE IS NO NEED TO CHANGE THE CURRENT SYSTEM. A GREATER FOCUS MUST BE TO MANAGE THE RESOURCE (GAME ANIMALS). IN MY AREA, THE ISSUANCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF YOUTH/MENTOR TAGS AND CONVERSION OF TAGS TO ANTLERLESS TOOK LARGE NUMBERS OF BUCKS AND BRED DOES OUT OF THE POPULATION, ALONG WITH INCREASE OF PREDATORS; WEATHER AND FINALLY DISEASE RESULTED IN THE LOW NUMBERS OF THIS DATE. AS AN AVID TRAPPER AND OUTDOORSMAN THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE TRUE. SO, MANAGE, MANAGE, MANAGE! MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRULY OUT IN THE FIELD TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL TRUE FIELD DATA. DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THOSE FOLKS AS A RESOURCE. GFP DOES A GREAT JOB...JUST CONTINUE TO SHARPEN THE MANAGEMENT SKILLS.
- 4933 BLACK HILLS ANY DEER PERMITS ARE A JOKE. 200 FOR IN STATE, LANDOWNERS TAKE ABOUT HALF OF THEM YOU GOT A LESS CHANCE OF DRAWING TAG THAN AN ELK TAG. A NONRESIDENT HAS A BETTER CHANCE THAN A RESIDENT.
- 4935 WHY SHOULD A PERSON HAVE TO CHOOSE 1 OR 2 DRAWINGS TO APPLY? IF YOU CHOOSE TO ONLY HUNT WEST RIVER THAT'S YOUR DECISION I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN RIFLE OR BOW BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE DOESN'T BOW HUNT. I CHOOSE TO APPLY FOR ALL THAT I CAN AND EVERYONE ELSE CAN TOO. LUCK OF THE DRAW. LEAVE ARCHERY HUNTERS ALONE.
- 4938 LEAVE ARCHERY LICENSES ALONE AS THEY ACCOUNT FOR A SMALL PERCENT OF HARVEST. HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING TO JUST COMBINE THE RIFLE SEASONS TO SPREAD HUNTERS OUT. MY HUSBAND STOPPED RIFLE HUNTING DUE TO ROAD HUNTING AND THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS.
- 4939 YOU ALL HAVE A DIFFICULT JOB. I THINK THE CURRENT PROCESS WORKS WELL IF WE DO NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT WINTER KILL. BUT THIS WAS A DISEASE KILL ALL OVER THE STATE WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. STOP GIVING OUT THE DOE TAGS AND LIMIT IT TO JUST YOUTH OR MAKE THE RANCHER PROVE THERE IS SIGNIFICANT CROP DAMAGE. FULL DISCLOSURE. I HUNT WR, BH, ARCHERY AND MUZZLE. MUZZLE ABOUT EVERY 3 OR 4 YEARS WHEN I DRAW. I USUALLY FILL MY WR AND BH WHEN I GET DRAWN. I STOPPED KILLING DOES WHEN I NOTICED THEY HAD DIED OFF. I STILL BUY THE DOE TAGS WHEN OFFERED TO KEEP OTHERS FROM KILLING THEM, I DO UNDERSTAND GAME MANAGEMENT AND WHEN THE DOE COUNT IS HIGH IT IS DEFINITELY JUSTIFIED TO PREVENT DISEASE. THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO.
- 4946 I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK YOU NEED MULTIPLE BUCK TAGS IN SD. FIRST RESIDENTS SHOULD GET PREFERENCE OVER NON-RESIDENTS, IF NO TAGS ARE LEFT OVER NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET A BUCK TAG.

WE LIVE HERE. NEXT IF I GET A BUCK TAG WEST RIVER I SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE FIRST DRAWING EAST RIVER OR MUZZLELOADER. MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY A 1 BUCK PER SEASON STATE LIKE OTHER TROPHY STATES AND GET SOME DOES [...].

- 4954 WHY CAN OUT OF STATE PEOPLE BUY A LITTLE LAND AND GET A LANDOWNER. YOU SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE RESIDENCY IN SD. ALSO, IT IS KIND OF UNFAIR THAT IF YOU'RE A LANDOWNER YOU GET A LICENSE. EVERYONE SHOULD BE IN THE SAME DRAWING.
- 4955 WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE SINGLE TAG LICENSES SO MORE PEOPLE COULD GET TAGS.
- 4959 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND BLACK HILLS DEER
- 4963 THE CURRENT DRAWING SYSTEM RELATED TO APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE LICENSES IS NOT BROKEN. SO DON'T FIX IT. EVERYONE APPLYING KNOWS THEIR ODDS AND ON SOME YEARS YOU MAY GET 1 OR MORE LICENSES AND OTHER YEARS YOU MAY NOT GET ANY LICENSES. THAT IS JUST THE WAY IT GOES....AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES THE ARCHERY TAG SUCH A VALUABLE TOOL TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON WITH A BOW CAN GET AT LEAST ONE TAG. THAT IS, RIGHT NOW, EVERY SINGLE HUNTER WITH A BOW IS GUARANTEED A TAG. THAT IS A GREAT OPTION FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO GET OUT IN THE FIELD AND ENJOY NATURE. THE BIGGER ISSUE IS ENSURING THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TAGS PROVIDED WILL PROPERLY MANAGE THE HEALTH OF HERD. DOES IT REALLY MATTER IF THE HERD IS MANAGED BY A HUNTER WITH 2 OR MORE TAGS OR 2 HUNTERS WITH ONE TAG? I DON'T THINK SO. AS FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME TO ALLOW LANDOWNERS ANY TAG TO HARVEST DEER/ELK THAT ARE NOT ACTUALLY ON THEIR PROPERTY. BASICALLY, RECEIVING A TAG BASED ON PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO HARVEST "STATE-OWNED" DEER/ELK ON PUBLIC LAND IS NOT FAIR TO THE MAJORITY OF HUNTERS THAT ARE NOT LANDOWNERS (ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY CAN'T GET PERMISSION TO HUNT ON THAT PRIVATE LAND). THAT SAID, LANDOWNERS DO NEED SUPPORT TO MANAGE "STATE-OWNED" CRITTERS ON THEIR LAND AND DEAL WITH DEPREDATION ISSUES.
- 4964 1. I HAVE HUNTERS COMING IN AND TRYING TO FIGURE LICENSES FOR ER AND WR AT ONE TIME IS TOO HARD. 2, LANDOWNERS HAVE CEASED TO BE THE SPORTSMAN'S FRIEND AND EVERYONE BUT THE GFP KNOWS IT.
- 4971 [fairness of current system] 2ND TIME IN SIX YEARS NOT DRAWN RIFLE TAGS.
- 4980 YOU FAILED TO MENTION THE PREDATORY LIONS THAT ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES THE DEER POPULATION. IF YOU INDEED ARE TRYING TO INCREASE THE DEER POPULATION, GET RID OF THE LIONS. WE DON'T NEED THEM.
- 4981 I STRONGLY AM AGAINST ARCHERY HUNTERS BEING ABLE TO TAKE A BUCK EVERY YEAR. THEY SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENT THEN RIFLE HUNTERS.

- 4984 I STRONGLY FEEL IT IS UNFAIR FOR PEOPLE TO GET MULTIPLE TAGS OF ANY TYPE WHEN THERE ARE OTHERS NOT GETTING ANY TAGS. I ALSO DON'T THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE WEALTHY ENOUGH OR LUCKY ENOUGH TO OWN A BUNCH OF LAND THAT YOU SHOULD GET SPECIAL HUNTING PRIVILEGES. IF EVERYONE COULD OWN 160 ACRES OR MORE I GUARANTEE THEY WOULD. EVERY TAG SHOULD BE DELEGATED EQUALLY WITH NO DISCRIMINATION ON WHAT YOU OWN. JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN AFFORD LAND SHOULDN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE RIGHTS THAN ANYONE ELSE.
- 4985 A PERCENTAGE STILL SHOULD GO TO RANDOM. KEEP PEOPLE APPLYING. [increased chances of drawing a license] SUPPORT THE BEST INTEREST OF DEER POPULATION AND QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT. [alternative allocation processes] AS LONG AS YOU CAN STILL ACQUIRE POINTS FOR THE SEASON YOU DON'T APPLY FOR. [landowner preference] DEPENDS ON THE UNIT.
- 4987 MY PROBLEM AT PRESENT IS BECAUSE IN OUR AREA WE HAVE SO MUCH WALK IN, WE GET SO MANY OUT OF AREA PEOPLE APPLYING, THEREFOR, WE DO NOT GET DRAWN AND WE LIVE IN THE COUNTY. I'M FROM WALWORTH COUNTY WE GET FOLK APPLYING FROM SIOUX FALLS, WATERTOWN, ABERDEEN, ETC. WE WHO LIVE HERE GET DRAWN ON A VERY LIMITED BASIS. I THINK THIS IS UNFAIR. ALSO, UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAJORITY OF THESE HUNTERS HAVE NO PROBLEM ENCROACHING ON WHOEVER'S PROPERTY TO GET THEIR DEER. IT REALLY HAS BECOME A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS ADDRESSING.
- 4990 CUT THE DRAWS BACK UNTIL THE DEER COME BACK
- 4996 MAINLY, A HUNTER SHOULD ONLY RECEIVE ONE LICENSE UNTIL ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR THAT PARTICULAR SEASON ARE FILLED THEN THEY MAY OBTAIN LEFTOVER LICENSES. THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY TWO TAG (ANTLER+ANTERLESS) TAGS UNTIL EVERYONE THAT APPLIED RECEIVES AT LEAST ONE TAG. THE PICK YOUR SEASON IDEA IS A GOOD ONE. ADDITIONALLY A LANDOWNER SHOULD ALWAYS RECEIVE A TAG, WE NEED HAPPY LANDOWNERS THAT RECEIVE TAGS WHEN THEY WANT SO ALL MAY ENJOY HUNTING
- 5002 WOULD LIKE YOUTH SEASON TO INCLUDE BUCK! GIVE KIDS CHANCE!
- 5007 I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD EVEN CONSIDER REDUCING TAGS/ELIGIBILITY FOR ARCHERY DEER SEASONS.
- 5008 THE ONLY THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD IS THAT PERSONALLY I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ADAMS NATURE PRESERVE BUCK TAGS. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE HARVEST OF DOES IN THIS AREA SINCE IT BEGAN AND HAVE ALWAYS FILLED ALL 4 OF MY DOE TAGS IN THIS HUNT. SINCE 2012 THE STATE HAS NOT REOPENED THIS AREA TO DOE HUNTS BUT HAS ALLOWED 5 BUCKS TO BE TAKEN. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE THE DOE SEASON IN THIS AREA REOPENED IN THE 2015 SEASON. MAYBE YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE BUCK SEASON ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE HUNTERS THAT SUCCESSFULLY FILL ALL THEIR DOE TAGS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS HUNT.

- 5011 LANDOWNERS SHOULD ONLY HUNT THEIR OWN LAND OR GO INTO THE GENERAL RESIDENT DRAW IF THEY HUNT NEIGHBORS/PUBLIC LAND UNLESS THE OWNER HAS CREP/WALK IN/PUBLIC ETC. THEN THEY CAN HUNT WHOLE COUNTY - BIG INCENTIVE. LIMIT MAX BUCK TAGS TO 2.
- 5022 SHOULD KEEP ONE ONLY LICENSES NO MULTI TAGS YOU'RE KILLING OFF OUR DEER AND ANTELOPE
- 5026 IF WE ARE LOSING OUR CHANCES TO HUNT IN THIS STATE, THEN PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO TAKE AWAY THE NONRESIDENT HUNTING. WE SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FIRST. ADDITIONALLY, I HAVE NEARLY 20 YEARS IN POINTS FOR BLACK HILLS ELK. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE MANAGEMENT OUR SYSTEM NEEDS DESPERATE REVIEW! FAR GREATER VALUE NEEDS TO BE PLACED ON THOSE WITH THE MOST POINTS. ALSO LANDOWNER TAGS NEED TO BE REDUCED TO ALLOW MORE OF OUR AVERAGE POPULATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD!
- 5028 LOOK AT ND'S SYSTEM. IS A PERSON WHO OWNS 160 ACRES BUT KEEPS IT IN CRP INELIGIBLE FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE? IF SO, IT'S A GOOD REASON TO PUT IT TO THE PLOW. OH, MORE LOST HABITAT.
- 5029 I THINK SOME HOUSEHOLDS ARE ALLOWED TOO MANY TAGS. WHETHER IT BE BUCK OR DOE.
- 5042 LOWER THE PRICE OF DEER TAGS! NO OUT OF STATE HUNTERS ON PUBLIC LAND. WE RESIDENTS PAY TAXES.
- 5044 THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ABANDONED. INSTEAD, (1) LANDOWNERS SHOULD APPLY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE FOR UNIT-WIDE TAGS, BUT (2) ALLOW THEM TO PURCHASE A "HUNT-THEIR-OWN-LAND" TAG IF THEY DO NOT DRAW IN THE REGULAR DRAWING. THIS WAY, THOSE LANDOWNERS WITH HABITAT WILL BE REWARDED AND THOSE WHOSE LAND IS NOTHING BUT BLACK DIRT WILL BE ALLOWED TO HUNT THEIR OWN BLACK DIRT.
- 5056 CURRENTLY THE SYSTEM IS NOT FAIR. MUZZLELOADER TAG ALLOCATION AND SEASON IS SET UP POORLY. I WOULD LIKE TO COMBINE BOTH ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER SEASONS INTO ONE LICENSE AND GO TO A LIMITED DRAW SYSTEM. I FEEL THAT ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE IT TOO GOOD WITH A LONG SEASON AND GUARANTEED A TAG, WHILE MUZZLELOADERS ONLY GET TO HUNT AT THE END OF THE SEASON AND HAVE TO FIGHT OVER 1000 TAGS. THE GUYS I HUNT WITH ARE AVERAGING 5 YEARS TO GET AN ANY DEER MUZZLELOADER TAG. NOT FAIR. MOST OF THE BIGGER BUCKS HAVE BEEN SHOT BY THEN, DEER HAVE MOVED TO WINTER RANGES, SOME ANTLERS HAVE STARTED TO DROP, DEER HAVE BEEN HUNTED 3 MONTHS AND THE RUT IS OVER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE BUCK TAG ALLOCATION GROUPED INTO AN ONE BUCK TAG EAST RIVER (RIFLE, ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADER, REFUGE) AND ONE BUCK TAG WEST RIVER (BLACK HILLS, WEST RIVER DEER, ARCHERY AND CSP DEER). HUNTERS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PICK ONE OF EACH. THE WAY THE LANDOWNER DEER TAGS ARE ISSUED IS NOT RIGHT. THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE LICENSE (LANDOWNER ON YOUR ON LAND) AND DO AWAY WITH LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO LOWER THE ACRES

TO QUALIFY TO 40 ACRES. LANDOWNERS WOULD HAVE TO DECLARE WHAT PIECES OF LAND THEY OWN AND OPERATE WHEN APPLYING AND THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AHEAD OF THE SEASON FOR REVIEW AND WHILE CHECKING HUNTERS TO VERIFY THEY ARE ONLY HUNTING ON THE ALLOWED PROPERTY. I FEEL THAT THESE IDEAS WOULD BE A WAY OF ISSUING TAGS IN A FAIR MANOR ALONG WITH INCREASING THE QUALITY OF THE BUCKS AVAILABLE TO HARVEST.

5057 [fairness of current system] THE FACT THAT WE GET CHARGED \$45 TO SHOOT ONE DEER! [archery buck license quota] THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO FILL THEIR TAGS I THINK IS LOW.

5058 WHAT A JOKE! I NOTICED SDGFP BLAMED SEVERE WEATHER, HABITAT LOSS, AND DISEASE FOR THE STATES CURRENT PATHETIC DEER HERD. WHAT ABOUT THE GROSS MISMANAGEMENT ON THE BEHALF OF SD GFP IN THE PAST FEW YEARS? STOP FUNDING DEPREDATION EFFORTS, STOP LISTENING AND BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO LANDOWNERS AND THEIR COMPLAINTS AND MANAGE THE PUBLIC RESOURCE IN WHICH YOU ARE ENTRUSTED TO DO!

5066 I HUNT STRICTLY ON MY 35 ACRES AND CAN'T GET A LANDOWNER TAG NOR DRAW A RIFLE TAG EVERY YEAR. I ALSO HAVE HEARD OF PEOPLE CLAIMING LAND OWNER TAGS AND NOT HUNTING ON OR OWNING THAT GROUND. I BELIEVE IN HUNTING YOUR OWN GROUND BUT DON'T LIKE WHEN OTHERS HEAT TO GET THOSE EASIER TO GET TAGS. I WOULD RATHER MORE TAGS GO TO LANDOWNERS NO MATTER THE AMOUNT OF GROUND OWNED INSTEAD OF ROAD HUNTERS HUNTING WHEREVER THEY WANT WITHOUT PERMISSION. NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD 160 ACRES AND SHOULDN'T BE PUNISHED FOR THAT WHEN WE SIMPLY WANT TO PROVIDE SOME MEAT FOR OUR FAMILY OFF OUR OWN LAND NO MATTER THE SIZE. IF IT'S ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER OR RIFLE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT A BUCK ON OUR OWN GROUND A YEAR.

5068 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PREFERENCE CHANGED. I HAD 14 YEARS ON ELK AND DIDN'T GET TAG. KNOW SOMEONE THAT HAD 9 AND GOT ONE. HAD 4 YEARS ON ANTELOPE AND DIDN'T DRAW. KNOW 3 PEOPLE THAT HAD 0 AND DREW TAGS. I THINK PEOPLE WITH POINTS SHOULD GET TAG BEFORE THOSE WITHOUT. I KNOW OF PEOPLE THAT ARE APPLYING FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. THAT DON'T QUALIFY. I THINK THIS NEEDS TO BE CHECKED MORE CLOSELY.

5074 ACCORDING TO YOUR STATISTICS ON PAGE 2 ONLY ABOUT 1/2 OF THE BUCK TAGS GET FILLED PROBABLY BECAUSE EVERY HUNTER IS LOOKING FOR A TROPHY. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A SYSTEM WHERE YOU HAVE TO HARVEST A DOE BEFORE YOU GET A BUCK TAG? AS FAR AS THE LANDOWNER LICENSES GO, THERE SHOULD HAVE TO BE SOME KIND OF PROOF OF OWN AND /OR OPERATE OF THE 160 ACRES. I KNOW OF SEVERAL LESS THAN HONEST PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT IN FOR LANDOWNERS TAGS USING OTHER PEOPLES LAND THAT THEY NEITHER OWN OR OPERATE THUS INSURING THAT IF THEY DO NOT DRAW A TAG IN FIRST DRAW THEY WILL STILL GET A BUCK TAG.

- 5077 I THINK BEFORE YOU GO TRYING ANY OF THIS YOU BETTER LOOK INTO THE TRIBAL TAG'S THAT ARE JUST HANDED OUT OVER THE COUNTER! IT SEEMS THAT IF YOU'RE NATIVE AMERICAN YOU CAN WALK INTO THE GAS STATION OWNED BY THE TRIBE AND PURCHASE NUMEROUS AMOUNT OF TAGS OVER THE COUNTER. THEY SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR A DEER LICENSE. JUST LIKE EVER OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN! AND THEIR SEASON SEEMS TO RUN FROM BEGINNING OF OCTOBER TO THE END OF DECEMBER. SO YOU SHOULD PROBABLY START WITH THAT BEFORE GOING AND CHANGING THINGS!
- 5080 INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF NO RV OR ANY VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC WALK IN IS IMPORTANT.
- 5083 BECAUSE I LIKE TO BOW HUNT I DON'T FEEL I SHOULD LOSE OUT ON MY CHANCE TO HUNT WITH A RIFLE. I HAVE SOME OF MY MILITARY VET FRIENDS COME AND GO RIFLE HUNTING WITH ME EVERY YEAR. I DON'T WANT TO PLAY GUIDE TO MY FRIENDS. I WANT TO HUNT WITH THEM. IN ND IF YOU GET A LANDOWNER TAG YOU MUST HUNT ON YOUR OWN LAND. IF YOU WANT TO HUNT WALK-IN AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND OR SOMEONE ELSE'S PRIVATE LAND THEY SHOULD APPLY AND HAVE THE SAME ODDS AT A TAG AS ME. ALSO 1/4 OR 160 ACRES IS NOT MUCH LAND. I FEEL THEY SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST A SECTION OF LAND TO GET LANDOWNER TAGS. [simultaneous draws with 1 choice, q9a] I WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT IF IT WAS JUST WEST RIVER, EAST RIVER AND BLACK HILLS DEER.
- 5085 THE WAY IT IS PRESENTLY TYPICALLY ONLY DRAW 2 FIREARM TAGS PER YEAR WHICH ALLOWS FOR ALTERNATING SEASONS. I HUNT EAST RIVER TYPICALLY EVERY OTHER YEAR AND WEST RIVER THE OTHER. THE PRESENT ALLOCATION SEEMS TO WORK FOR ME
- 5092 I THINK OUR GAME FISH AND PARKS IS DOING A FINE JOB. YOU WILL NOT PLEASE EVERYONE.
- 5095 I DID NOT LIKE THE FACT THAT I HAD TO BUY A PREFERENCE POINTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DEER SEASON!
- 5097 HOW MANY OWNERS DOES A GIVEN PARCEL OF LAND HAVE? LANDOWNERS SHOULD HUNT THEIR OWN LAND WHICH QUALIFIES THEM FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. MANAGE BIOLOGICALLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY, POLITICALLY MORE OFTEN THAN NOT GETS US WHERE WE ARE AT. HARVEST WHEN WE ARE GIFTED AND ABLE, CONSERVE WHEN NOT SO FORTUNATE REGARDLESS OF WHO NEEDS TO WAIT FOR BETTER DAYS.
- 5101 NO MORE DOE LICENSES FOR 5 YEARS KILLING DOES MORE, MORE SEVERE WEATHER, LOSS OF HABITAT AND DISEASE IS WHY THE POPULATION IS SO LOW!
- 5111 DEFINITELY NOT FAIR THAT SO MANY TAGS GET HANDED OUT TO LANDOWNERS. SHOULD CUT THAT DOWN TO 15% AT MOST AND NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ACTUAL LANDOWNERS ARE THE ONES GETTING THE TAGS. IN ALL FAIRNESS, LANDOWNERS SHOULD NOT GET ANY TAGS GUARANTEED IT SHOULD BE ALL LOTTERY.

- 5116 [landowner preference] DON'T KNOW. I HAVE 40 ACRES, 25 ACRES OF CROP. I HAVE CROP DAMAGE FROM WILDLIFE, I'M NOT COMPLAINING BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY ONE'S WITH 160 OR MORE SHOULD HAVE MORE OF A RIGHT THAN I DO. WHEN IT COMES TO ARCHERY AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED ONLY TWO LICENSES A YEAR AND THE NUMBER SHOULD CUT DOWN AND PUT IN A DRAWING, POPULATION & AMOUNT OF TAGS A YEAR.
- 5124 STUPID AND GREEDY IDEA CHARGING \$10.00 FOR PREFERENCE POINTS. KILL THE CHARGE GO BACK TO OLD SYSTEM. NO LICENSES TO GREEDY OVERCHARGING LANDOWNERS THAT THINK THEY OWN THE LAND, AIR AND WATER AND CHARGE WAY TOO MUCH TO SHOOT THEIR SCRAWNY DEER. LANDOWNERS ARE CONTINUALLY SUBSIDIZED FOR EVERYTHING THEY'RE WORSE THEN NEW YORK MAFIA!!
- 5129 AS LONG AS YOU HAVE SUCH A POOR PREFERENCE SYSTEM, YOU WILL HAVE UNHAPPY APPLICANTS. NO WAY SHOULD A PERSON DRAW A TAG WITH FEWER POINTS THAN ME OR ANY OTHER APPLICANT!!
- 5131 I THINK LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALL BE GIVEN A LICENSE UP AND ABOVE THE ALLOCATED LICENSES FOR EACH UNIT AND ALL ALLOCATED LICENSES WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC DRAW.
- 5132 DEER NUMBERS ARE GOING AWAY BADLY
- 5145 I BELIEVE MANY FARMERS/RANCHERS DO NOT HUNT BUT GET BUCK TAGS AND LET OTHER PEOPLE SHOOT A BUCK ON THEIR LAND. THIS I BELIEVE HAPPENS MUCH MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. THE SYSTEM IN PLACE IS NOT BAD AND FAIR I THINK. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO. I CHOOSE NOT TO HUNT WITH A BOW OR MUZZLELOADER. THIS IS MY CHOICE. SO WHAT IS NOT FAIR ABOUT THAT? PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A SYSTEM THAT IS LESS FAIR THAN THE ONE WE HAVE NOW. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE.
- 5149 I FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED TO DRAW IN CLARK COUNTY. BUT YET I HAVE FRIENDS THAT LIVE IN HAMLIN, CODINGTON, AND MINNEHAHA THAT ALL DREW FOR CLARK COUNTY. I LIVE THERE AND CAN'T DRAW BUT THEY CAN AND THEY LIVE 120 MILES AWAY. I FEEL COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE POINTS TO THEIR OWN COUNTY. IF THERE ARE LEFTOVERS AFTER THE DRAW THAT'S GREAT, I FEEL EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT. MY HUSBAND IS AN AVID ARCHERY HUNTER. I FEEL YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE AWAY FROM THEM CAUSE BOW HUNTING ISN'T EASY. MOST YEARS YOU'RE LUCKY TO GET SUCCESS.
- 5161 I JUST HAVE ONE COMMENT ON A SUBJECT YOU DON'T HAVE HERE . I TALKED TO MANY HUNTERS ABOUT THE YOUTH DEER SEASON AND GOT MANY MIXED ANSWERS BUT MY PRIVATE SURVEY IS SHOWING EVEN THOUGH MOST HUNTERS APPROVE OF IT. THEY ALSO AGREE WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO CUT THE NUMBER OF TAGS TO ADULTS IN ANY GIVEN COUNTY OR THE STATEWIDE ARCHERY LICENSES AS YOU DID THIS YEAR. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER LETTING THE ARCHERY HUNTERS AT LEAST HAVE 1 ANY DEER TAG AND ONE ANTLERLESS TAG AND WITH A HIGHER FEE OF COURSE IF THE INDIVIDUAL

WANTED 2 ARCHERY TAGS. ARCHERY HUNTERS IN THIS STATE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING MORE THAN ONE TAG AND NOW YOU JUST CUT IT AND I KNOW THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF DEER IN YOUR SURVEYS. AND THAT'S FINE. BUT YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT TO LIMITING OR EVEN CANCELING THE YOUTH SEASON FOR A YEAR OR SO UNTIL POPULATIONS INCREASE. JUST MY 2 CENTS BUT IF I CAN'T PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE ARCHERY TAG NEXT YEAR. ILL SPEND MY MONEY IN TEXAS

- 5171 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUT OF STATE HUNTERS HAVE A HARDER TIME TO DRAW A LICENSE I HAVE SEVERAL YEARS PREFERENCE IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT SEASONS WHICH I CAN'T DRAW FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT THERE ARE OUT OF STATERS WHO HAVE A LOT BETTER CHANCE AT A DRAW THEN I DO.
- 5181 WILDLIFE DAMAGE TO CROPS IS A LOT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT HAVE GAME WARDEN RIDE WITH ME AND I WILL SHOW HIM THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE GOOD
- 5185 START SHOOT A DOE 1ST GET A BUCK TAG.
- 5188 NEED MORE LICENSES.
- 5201 MAKE SURE LANDOWNERS HUNT ONLY ON THEIR OWN LAND LIKE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO!
- 5225 IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU PEOPLE WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESTROYING THE DEER AND ELK HERDS OUT IN THE BLACK HILLS. WE HAVE MOUNTAIN LIONS IN EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA NOW KILLING OUR GAME ANIMALS. QUIT LISTENING TO THE DISEASED LIBERALS CRYING ABOUT HABITAT DESTRUCTION AND ALLOW WE HUNTERS, WHO ACTUALLY PAY TO PROTECT THE STATES GAME TO SOLVE THE INVASIVE LION PROBLEM YOU ALL CREATED.
- 5232 I LIKE THE DRAW SYSTEM FOR DEER HUNTING. PLEASE KEEP ELK HUNTING LICENSES TO SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS ONLY.
- 5233 [landowner preference] I AM NOT SURE. IN SOME FORM FAMILIES DEER HUNTING IS VERY IMPORTANT AS A SOCIAL EVENT SO I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT LICENSES AVAILABLE. IT SEEMS LIKE MOST FARMERS THAT WANT LICENSES GET ONE.
- 5234 I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT THAT ONE PERSON CAN DRAW MULTIPLE BUCK LICENSES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY AREN'T RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. IT GREATLY LIMITS THE CHANCES OF OTHER HUNTERS AND RESIDENTIAL OWNERS FOR DRAWING BUCK TAGS.
- 5236 HUNTERS SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED 1 TAG PER SPECIES A LANDOWNER WITH THOUSANDS OF ACRES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MANAGE THEIR LAND MORE THAN AN OWNER OF JUST 160 ACRES. WE NEED MORE ANTELOPE TAGS TOO 1 IS NOT ENOUGH TO CONTROL 30,000 ACRES WITH GRASS LOSS TO LARGE HERDS.

- 5241 COME GET YOUR MOUNTAIN LIONS AND WE MIGHT HAVE MORE DEER IN CLARK COUNTY.
- 5244 WITH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO DRAW A DEER LICENSE, IT SHOULD BE EASY TO GUARANTEE THAT ONCE YOU GET A BUCK LICENSE IN ONE AREA, THAT YOU CAN ONLY GET A DOE LICENSE IN ANOTHER AREA. WITH ABOUT 20% OF HUNTERS GETTING MULTIPLE LICENSES, THAT SHOWS THEY WANT THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE. MY CONCERN IS THAT I GET A LICENSE WITH A CHANCE TO HUNT A BUCK OR A DOE AS I AM A MEAT HUNTER NOT A TROPHY HUNTER. WE WERE ONLY GIVEN DOE LICENSES FOR OUR GROUP. SOME YEARS YOU ONLY SEE BUCKS AND OTHERS ONLY DOES. MAKES IT HARD FOR THE HUNTER TO SUCCEED WITHOUT AN ANY DEER LICENSE. SO HELP THE GUY THAT WANTS TO HUNT FOR MEAT INSTEAD OF JUST THE TROPHY BUCK HUNTER WHO MOSTLY WANTS ANTLERS AND BRAGGING RIGHTS AT THE LOCAL PUB.
- 5251 I CURRENTLY LIVE ON AN ACREAGE OF 12 ACRES WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY MY FAMILY'S FARM OF OVER 2000 ACRES. I AM NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS A LAND OWNER WHICH I AM FINE WITH BUT I DO KNOW OF PEOPLE WHO DO USE THEIR FAMILY'S FARMS AS A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHECK OF WHO ACTUALLY IS A LANDOWNER. THERE IS ALSO LANDOWNERS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE AREA THAT GET LICENSES YEARLY THAT ONLY SEE THE LAND ONCE A YEAR AND HUNT MORE THAN JUST THEIR LAND AND YOU HAVE FARMERS THAT MAINTAIN THE LAND FOR THE DER THAT CAN'T GET LICENSE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MAKE THIS FAIR BUT I KNOW OF TOO MANY TIMES THAT LANDOWNERS WHO ARE NOT GOOD SPORTSMEN GET LICENSES WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOOD SPORTSMEN GO WITHOUT A LICENSES YEAR AFTER YEAR.
- 5254 I DO LIKE THE IDEA THAT A PREFERENCE POINT OR POINTS WOULD BE WEIGHTED MORE HEAVILY AND INCREASE YOU CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL THAN SOMEONE WITHOUT ANY POINTS. PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO BAIL ON YOUR HARD CORE HUNTERS THAT HAVE BEEN WILLING TO STEP UP AND PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TAGS TO HELP YOU CONTROL THE POPULATION.
- 5258 1) DO NOT ALLOW THOSE WHO GET A YOUTH TAG OR "MENTOR" TAG TO APPLY FOR LICENSES UNTIL 2ND DRAWING. IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN THINKS THEIR CHILD SHOULD GET ONE OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTORED TAGS THEY SHOULD NOT ALSO BE ALLOWED TO GET A BUCK TAG. IT SHOULD BE ONE OR THE OTHER. THIS IS COMING FROM A FATHER WHO WILL HAVE A CHILD BE ELIGIBLE IN 2 YEARS. 2) LANDOWNERS ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO GET A TAG TO HUNT THEIR OWN LAND. THAT IS GIVING THEM A CHANCE AT A BUCK TAG TWICE AS MANY TIMES AS THE GENERAL POPULATION. WHEN I DON'T DRAW A BUCK TAG I AM OUT OF LUCK...AND I HAVE FAMILY WHO OWNS LAND, BUT I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR A 2ND CHANCE. 50% OF TAGS GOING TO LANDOWNERS IS 50% TOO MANY. TO EVEN IT OUT, GIVE THEM 1 TAG TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND FOR FREE! IF THEY APPLY FOR A LANDOWNER ONLY TAG. 3) I ALSO THINK THAT HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE TO IDENTIFY WHOSE LAND THEY WILL BE HUNTING, TRACK, LOT, ETC. OR LANDOWNER BY NAME. THIS WOULD HELP WEED OUT PEOPLE APPLYING FOR TAGS WITHOUT LAND TO HUNT. THESE

PEOPLE DRIVE AROUND TO HUNT, TRESPASS AND SHOOT DEER ILLEGALLY. ALSO, TAKING AWAY FROM OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE LAND TO HUNT WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- 5266 THE PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM IS ONLY GOING TO CREATE A BIDDING WAR, AND THOSE WITH EXTRA DISPOSABLE INCOME HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL IN THE DRAW. ALSO, LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE A TAG TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS NOT NECESSARILY ACTUALLY OWNING THE LAND, BUT HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST IN IT, ASSUMING THAT THE LANDOWNER THEMSELVES MAY NOT WANT THE TAG.
- 5268 SOME SEASONS HAVE HAD 3 TAGS IN 1 DRAW AND I HAVE HAD TROUBLE MEETING THOSE TAGS. I SUGGEST KEEPING TAGS TO A 2 TAG MAX. WR49A
- 5273 I AM AN ARCHERY AND RIFLE HUNTER. THE AMOUNT OF TIME I SPENT LAST YEAR RIFLE HUNTING WAS PART OF THREE DAYS FOR TWO DEER BUCK AND DOE. I SPENT PART OF ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND OF THE ARCHERY SEASON HUNTING AND DIDN'T SHOOT A DEER. I DID PASS UP A NUMBER OF DOES AND SMALL BUCKS. WHEN TRYING TO INCREASE THE DEER POPULATION GIVING ARCHERY HUNTERS JUST DOE TAGS COULD INCREASE THE DOE HARVEST OR SOME HUNTERS WOULDN'T HUNT.
- 5274 THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT DON'T FOLLOW ANY RULES. FALL RIVER HAS MORE LAW BREAKING POACHERS AND HUNTERS. I LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS AND SOME PEOPLE GET AWAY WITH BREAKING THE LAWS. GAME WARDENS LOOKED THE OTHER WAY.
- 5275 NEED MORE DEER!
- 5278 IF A HUNTER HARVESTS A BUCK BEFORE OTHER SEASONS IN WHICH HE HOLDS A BUCK LICENSE. THE LATER BUCK LICENSE REVERTS TO A DOE TAG IN AREAS WHERE DOE TAGS ARE AVAILABLE. IF NO DOE TAG IS AVAILABLE, THE SECONDARY BUCK TAG IS THEN VOID. A PORTION OF THE TAG COST IS THEN RETURNED FOR THE SECONDARY BUCK TAG. THIS MAY REQUIRE A PORTION OF A SUCCESSFULLY USED BUCK TAG BE REPORTED PRIOR TO THE SECOND SEASON. REPORTING ON-LINE WOULD NEED TO BE AVAILABLE.
- 5279 I BELIEVE A LANDOWNER SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A LICENSE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND. OTHER THAN APPEASEMENT, I FAIL TO SEE WHY A LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER ANYONE ELSE TO HUNT ON LAND IN ANOTHER PART OF THE UNIT.
- 5282 I RENT JUST OVER 200 ACRES OF AG LAND, BUT I'VE BEEN TOLD I DON'T QUALIFY FOR A LANDOWNERS LICENSE BECAUSE IT'S BROKEN UP INTO LOTS OF 100 ACRE AND 80 ACRE PARCELS. BEINGS MY PARCELS ARE LESS THAN 160 ACRES I DO NOT QUALIFY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROBLEM FIXED. THANK YOU
- 5291 I FEEL THAT SOME HUNTERS ARE GETTING TOO MANY DEER TAGS IN ONE YEAR. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER RIFLE OR ARCHERY, NOT BOTH! IT HAS BEEN 4 YEARS SINCE I'VE HAD A BUCK TAG IN

BROOKINGS COUNTY. ALSO, LANDOWNERS WHO GET LICENSES DO NOT JUST HUNT THEIR OWN LAND. THIS IS A PROBLEM. DO AWAY WITH THE LANDOWNER TAGS. THIS TAG IS NOT BEING USED PROPERLY BY LANDOWNERS.

- 5301 IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD ALLOCATE MORE LICENSES FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS. I'VE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE, AND CONSIDER HUNTING DEER WITH MY BOYS A TRADITION THAT SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS. NOW IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TEACH MY KIDS THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSIBLE HUNTING PRACTICES, WHEN WE CANNOT DRAW TAGS. LIMIT THE OUT OF STATE HUNTERS AND GIVE MORE TO US WHO LIVE HERE! 5 YEAR PREFERENCE POINTS AND DON'T GET A TAG? RANDOM DRAWING? RIGHT!
- 5304 I SUPPORT THE QUOTA ON ARCHERY BUCK, IF IT ALLOWS MORE FIREARM BUCK TAGS. A LANDOWNER SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR, JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN LAND. WHAT ABOUT THE AVERAGE JOE, WHO HUNTS PUBLIC LAND, AND DOESN'T DRAW A TAG FOR CONSECUTIVE YEARS? THE OWNING OF LAND SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. MY TAX PAYING MONEY IS GOING TOWARDS KEEPING PUBLIC LAND AVAILABLE TO HUNT, I WANT TO BE ABLE HAVE THE SAME CHANCE AT DRAWING A TAG, AS A LANDOWNER. I'M WONDERING WHY SO MUCH EMPHASIS IS BEING PUT ON BUCK TAGS? I HUNT PUBLIC LAND IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. OUR TAG OPTIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR. WE USED TO HAVE TWO OPTIONS, SO IF WE DIDN'T GET A BUCK TAG FOR FIRST CHOICE, WE AT LEAST RECEIVED A DOE TAG FOR OUR SECOND CHOICE. THIS YEAR IT'S ONE CHOICE. I WAS UNSUCCESSFUL ON MY DRAW, SO I DON'T GET TO DEER HUNT AT ALL THIS YEAR. WHAT HAPPENED TO SECOND CHOICE DOE TAG, SO AT LEAST WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP OUR HUNTING TRADITION GOING. IT'S HARD TO KEEP PEOPLE (KIDS) INTO HUNTING, WHEN THE CHOICES KEEP BEING LIMITED TO THE POINT IT'S AT NOW. IF OUR DOE CHOICE WAS TAKEN AWAY DUE TO A MANAGEMENT STAND POINT, WHY NOT GIVE BOTH BUCKS AND DOES A REST FOR ONE YEAR. THAT MAKES MORE SENSE THAN HAVING THE LOPSIDED OPTION WE HAVE NOW. I HAVE BEEN OUT ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS THIS FALL IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. EACH TIME OUT, I SAW JUST AS MANY DEER OUT AND ABOUT AS I HAVE IN ANY OTHER GIVEN YEAR. I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING THE DECREASE IN TAGS FOR THE COUNTY? I SUPPORT THE QUOTA ON ARCHERY BUCK, IF IT ALLOWS MORE FIREARM BUCK AND DOE TAGS. A LANDOWNER SHOULDN'T BE GUARANTEED A BUCK TAG, JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN OR OPERATE AT LEAST 160 ACRES. WHAT ABOUT THE AVERAGE JOE, WHO HUNTS PUBLIC LAND AVAILABLE FOR US TO HUNT? SO I'M OUT ALL TOGETHER BECAUSE I DON'T OWN OR OPERATE AT LEAST 160 ACRES. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW A TAG IN GENERAL SHOULD BE THE SAME STRAIGHT ACROSS THE BOARD.
- 5305 I FEEL THAT IF YOU RECEIVE A BOW LICENSE FOR HUNTING DEER YOU SHOULD NOT RECEIVE A 1ST DRAW BUCK LICENSE. ALSO I BELIEVE THAT THE ACREAGE NEEDED SHOULD BE 400+ ACRES AND THE PERCENT OF AVAILABLE TAGS SHOULD BE DROPPED TO APPROX. 25-30%. AND ONLY THE PRIMARY LANDOWNER SHOULD QUALIFY FOR THIS TAG.
- 5306 MY WIFE AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT A TOUGH JOB YOU HAVE AND HOW HARD IT MUST BE TO KEEP ALL THE HUNTERS OUT THERE HAPPY. THE TRUTH

IS...YOU CAN'T. WE LIVE OFF DEER MEAT, WHETHER IT'S A BUCK OR A DOE WE DON'T CARE. LANDOWNERS ARE THE PEOPLE WE DEPEND ON TO LET US HUNT, AND IT'S MY OPINION IF YOU CUT THEIR TAGS IT WILL BE WORSE ON US HUNTERS THAT HUNT FOR FOOD! YOU CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT MOTHER NATURE AND WE HUNTERS HAVE TO RESPECT WHAT DECISIONS YOU AT THE GAME FISH AND PARKS HAVE TO MAKE WHEN THE NUMBERS ARE DOWN! THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

- 5311 I WISH THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE FIRST CHANCE IN A DRAWING IF YOU APPLY IN THE COUNTY YOU LIVE IN. FOR AN EXAMPLE I DID NOT GET A TAG FOR LAKE COUNTY SO HAD TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER COUNTY IN 2ND DRAWING TO GET A TAG AND ALL I CAN HUNT ON PUBLIC LAND WHICH SUCKS. PUBLIC LAND GETS STOMPED TO DEATH FROM BIRD HUNTERS. I LOVE DEER HUNTING, ALMOST THE ONLY HUNTING I DO, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SHOT TO MANY TIMES FROM [expletive deleted] OUT BIRD HUNTING. IT'S HARD TO GO TO ANOTHER COUNTY TO HUNT DEER WHEN I GOT LAND TO HUNT ON IN THE COUNTY I LIVE IN.
- 5317 KEEP ARCHERY PERMITS THE SAME. IT IS A DIFFERENT HUNT THAN RIFLE. DO NOT LIMIT ARCHERY PERMITS! YOU WILL BE DESTROYING THE HUNTING HERITAGE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. JUST LOOK AT THE HARVEST RATES. WAY LESS DEER ARE HARVESTED BUY YOU NEED THE REVENUE FROM ARCHERY LICENSES! LET PEOPLE HUNT WITH A BOW IF THEY WANT! RIFLE HAS ITS OWN SET OF ISSUES THAT CAN BE SEPARATED FROM ARCHERY PERMITS. MANY BOW HUNTERS DO NOT RIFLE HUNT. THANKS FOR READING.
- 5319 YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BUCK ONLY PERMITS IN THE BLACK HILLS FOR THIS WOULD NOT HURT DEER POPULATION INCREASE WHEN IT IS NEEDED.
- 5324 ALLOW ALL RESIDENTS TO DRAW THEIR FIRST CHOICE BEFORE ANY NON-RESIDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO DRAW. I HEAR THIS COMPLAINT CONSTANTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
- 5328 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON SCHEDULED AT AN EARLIER DEER SEASONS
- 5347 PLEASE NO KNEE-JERK REACTIONS. THE SYSTEM HAS WORKED WELL FOR MANY YEARS AND WHEN DEER NUMBERS REBOUND THE SYSTEM WILL WORK WELL AGAIN. I HUNTED DEER IN MINNESOTA FOR MANY YEARS AND IT WAS GREAT TO BE GUARANTEED A TAG BUT THE QUALITY OF THE DEER SUFFERED. I WOULD RATHER GET A TAG EVERY TWO TO THREE YEARS AND HAVE A CHANCE AT A DECENT BUCK THAN HUNT EVERY YEAR AND NEVER TAKE A SHOT BECAUSE THE OLDEST BUCK YOU SEE IS 2.5 YEARS
- 5367 IT SEEMS THE CHANCES OF DRAWING A DEER TAG BECOME LESS AND LESS EACH YEAR. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BECAUSE OF DISEASE OR JUST LOWER NUMBERS OF ANIMALS OR HARSH WINTERS. MAYBE ALL THOSE YEARS OF HAVING DOUBLE OR TRIPLE DOE TAGS HAS FINALLY TAKEN ITS TOLL ON NUMBERS IN SOME COUNTIES. HOW ABOUT WE CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES SO AREAS ARE SMALLER AND COUNTY LINES ARE OVER-LOOKED AS A UNIT. DIVIDE A UNIT SO IT MAY INCLUDE TWO OR MORE COUNTIES. START GIVING LANDOWNERS BUCK ONLY TAGS RATHER THAN ANY DEER OR DOE TAGS.

OPEN UP MORE PRIVATE LAND AND SELL MORE DEER TAGS IN AREAS WHERE DEER POPULATIONS ARE ENDANGERING MOTORISTS.

- 5369 I FIND IT RATHER STRANGE THAT THE NUMBER OF DEER TO BE HARVESTED IN HAND COUNTY DROPPED FROM 1650 FIREARM LICENSES TO 1025, LOOKS TO ME LIKE THERE ARE LOTS OF DEER BY THE NUMBER THAT ARE BEING HIT BY CARS IN THE COUNTY AND THE NUMBER I AM SEEING ON THE ROAD!!
- 5376 I DO NOT BELIEVE IN PAYING FOR POINTS SHOULD STAY AS YEARS APPLIED FOR.
- 5381 I THINK THAT ANYONE WHO HAS TO WORK 13 YEARS OR LONGER TO GET AN ELK TAG WHILE FIRST TIME HUNTERS GET ONE IS THAT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN. ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE POINTS SHOULD RECEIVE A LICENSE.
- 5387 I WOULD LIKE TO A HAND GUN SEASON ADDED FOR BIG GAME.
- 5405 I THINK THE SYSTEM WORKS. IF PEOPLE CHOSE TO HUNT THE OTHER SEASONS (OTHER THAN RIFLE) THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ANY DEER TAGS. HUNTING ARCHERY IS NOT A GIVEN TO HARVEST A DEER SO PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT LANDOWNERS ARE NOT GUARANTEED ANY TAG SO APPLYING FOR ONE THAN ONE SEASON YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO AT LEAST DRAW ONE ANY DEER TAG A YEAR. REMEMBER THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING THIS ARE THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY ENJOY HUNTING. AS FAR AS LANDOWNERS GO THEY DO DESERVE A TAG BUT I SEE A LOT OF THEM THAT JUST DON'T PUT MUCH INTO HUNTING BEYOND OPENING DAY.
- 5412 IF THE FULL PAYMENT OF EACH LICENSE WAS COLLECTED FROM EVERYONE, & THEN REFUNDED IF THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IT WOULD ELIMINATE PEOPLE SENDING APPLICATIONS FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER & EVERY AVAILABLE SEASON, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD ONLY COST THEM \$5 AS THE SYSTEM IS TODAY. I'M SURE THAT WOULD DROP THE WAIT TIME TO GET A LICENSE WAY DOWN.
- 5415 I REALLY BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER LEVEL OF PREFERENCE FOR THOSE WITH SO MANY YEARS. THE GFP WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE MONEY. RIGHT NOW I CAN STOP APPLYING FOR ONE YEAR BECAUSE IT WON'T HELP TO GAIN A POINT AFTER 1 YEAR. I CAN APPLY EVERY OTHER YEAR AND SAVE MONEY.
- 5416 I DON'T THINK MUCH CHANGE IS NEEDED TO THE PROGRAM. THIS PROCESS HAS SEEMED TO WORK IN THE PAST AND IF YOU'RE CAVING INTO COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE THEN IT COULD BE AN OVERREACTION THAT WILL BE TOUGH TO CHANGE DOWN THE ROAD. I DO NOT OWN LAND AND DON'T EXPECT LANDOWNER PRIVILEGES ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED IN MY SURVEY 50% OF TAGS SEEMS A LITTLE HIGH. I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO REALIZE THAT A FEW ROUGH YEARS BECAUSE OF DROUGHT AND DAMAGING THE DEER HERD WILL CREATE A NEED TO REDUCE TAGS FOR A FEW YEARS. I UNDERSTAND WHY I DIDN'T GET MY EAST RIVER BUCK TAG THIS YEAR AND AM GLAD TO SEE THE HERD IS BEING MANAGED. I WILL DRAW A TAG IN THE FUTURE.

- 5425 THE PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN FOOD PLOTS THAT ARE LEFT TILL SPRING SHOULD BE ABLE TO FILE AS LANDOWNERS EVEN IF THEY DON'T MEET THE 160 ACRE MIN. THESE PEOPLE DO A LOT MORE FOR WILDLIFE THAN A LOT OF LARGE LANDOWNERS.
- 5426 AS FAR AS THE TAG ALLOTMENT FOR BOW HUNTING GOES I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEM BEING GUARANTEED A LICENSE. HOWEVER, A GUARANTEED BUCK TAG I THINK IS WRONG. I THINK IT SHOULD GO INTO A LOTTERY PROCESS JUST LIKE RIFLE DOES. NOT SURE HOW TO DO IT, BUT I FEEL IT SHOULD BE A 50-50 CHANCE OF AN ANY DEER VS ANTLERLESS LICENSE. NOW AS FAR AS LANDOWNER GOES I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH GIVING SOMEONE WHO OWNS OR OPERATORS THE LAND A LICENSE AS THEY DO NOW. THE PROBLEM I DO HAVE IS, I FEEL IF YOU'RE CLAIMING LANDOWNER YOU NEED TO HUNT YOUR LAND. NOT ANY LAND IN CHOSEN COUNTY OR UNIT. I FEEL THAT SOME PEOPLE CLAIM LAND OWNER STATUS KNOWING THEIR LAND DOESN'T HAVE DEER BUT THEIR NEIGHBOR DOES. SO THEY JUST GO HUNT THEIR LAND AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR.
- 5431 SD SHOULD ADOPT LICENSE PURCHASES THE WAY MN DOES IT. OVER THE COUNTER – 1 PER PERSON PER SEASON. SD IS LOSING REVENUE AND NOT ALL WHO GET A LICENSE SHOOT A BUCK! MANAGEMENT WOULD IMPROVE IF HUNTERS KNEW HE COULD SHOOT A DEER NEXT YEAR IF HE PASSES ON ONE IN CURRENT YEAR.
- 5441 [landowner preference] THEY SHOULDN'T GET ANY ALLOTTED LICENSES; THEY SHOULD GO THROUGH THE DRAWING JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE! YOU SHOULD CHECK BETTER ON LANDOWNER PREFERENCE BECAUSE THERE ARE LANDOWNERS' KIDS THAT DON'T EVEN LIVE IN THE STATE CLAIMING LANDOWNERS PREFERENCE EVERY YEAR IN CLARK COUNTY AND GETTING IT!
- 5444 LANDOWNER TAGS ARE UNJUSTLY GIVEN OUT. THESE OWNERS DO NOT OWN THE DEER AND DO NOT LET ANY HUNTERS OR VERY FEW HUNTERS ON THEIR GROUND. IF THEY WANT SPECIAL LICENSES THEY SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE 160 ACRES OF THEIR GROUND IN WALK IN HUNTING AREAS. THUS PROMOTING THE SPORT AND ENCOURAGING OUR YOUTH.
- 5458 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 5460 I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT TAKES A DISASTER LIKE A BLIZZARD BEFORE YOU GUYS WILL ACTUALLY LISTEN TO THE SPORTSMEN THAT PAY YOUR SALARIES. WITH THAT SAID THE PRICES ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND AS WELL! I RECOMMENDED THE STATE BE BROKE DOWN INTO 3 UNITS BLACK HILLS, WEST RIVER AND EAST RIVER YEARS AGO. HUNTERS HAVE TO CHOOSE ONLY ONE IN THE FIRST DRAWING AND IT EITHER BE RIFLE OR ARCHERY BUT NOT BOTH AND LEFTOVERS ALLOCATED SAME WAY. MORE PEOPLE WILL DRAW THEIR FIRST CHOICE THIS WAY! NEXT LET'S FIX THE LION SEASON
- 5461 MY ISSUE IS THE NUMBER OF TAGS THEMSELVES. HUNTERS SUCH AS MYSELF ARE GETTING OLDER AND THE LONGER WE DON'T DRAW THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO JUST QUIT. LONG TERM THAT MEANS LESS REVENUE FOR THE STATE AND INDUSTRIES SUPPORTED BY HUNTING. WHY THE NEED TO

CONSTANTLY DECREASE TAGS? AFTER ALL IT IS HUNTING AND NOT KILLING. IF THE DEER, ELK OR ANTELOPE, ETC. AREN'T THERE THE SERIOUS AND ETHICAL HUNTERS WILL SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE MASSES. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE POINT SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE WHEN A WAIT FOR 7 YEARS, 10 YEARS, OR LONGER IS NEEDED TO DRAW A TAG. THIS YEAR ANTELOPE LICENSES WERE CUT OR REDUCED NUMBERS THEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF ARCHERY SEASON THE GFP IS QUOTED IN THE RAPID CITY JOURNAL SAYING ANTELOPE NUMBERS ARE STRONG. WHICH IS IT AND WHICH IDEOLOGY IS IT REALLY? IT IS TIME FOR SD TO CONSIDER OVER THE COUNTER TAGS WITH LIMITS TO AREAS. I THINK YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED BY THE PARTICIPATION AND ACCEPTANCE. IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM THE "HUNT" IS MORE ABOUT APPLICATION DEADLINES THAN THE SEASON ITSELF.

- 5480 I BELIEVE EVERY HUNTER SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR ONE BUCK LICENSE IN A GIVEN YEAR 2ND AND THIRD CHOICES ARE ANTLERLESS ONLY. WEST RIVER, EAST RIVER, MUZZLELOADER, ARCHERY, BLACK HILLS, CSP, SPECIAL BUCK LICENSE PICK ONE AND APPLY THAT'S ALL YOU GET. FOR BUCK CHANCES. ALSO ALL TAGS SHOULD BE FORK HORN OR BETTER.
- 5481 WHY DID SD START CHARGING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS? IT IS JUST A LOW DOWN WAY TO SIPHON MORE MONEY OUT OF OUR POCKETS. JUST BECAUSE NEIGHBORING STATES RIP OFF HUNTERS THAT WAY DOES NOT MEAN SD HAD TO DO IT. GFP SHOULD BE A BIT ASHAMED. MAYBE THE OFFICIALS SHOULD REMEMBER BE THEY ARE HERE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. IT IS A SLEAZY WAY TO MAKE UP FOR LOWER LICENSE REVENUE.
- 5487 MORE GAME TAGS AND ANYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A BLACK HILLS TAG IT SHOULDN'T GO BY POINTS.
- 5498 IF AN APPLICANT IS SUCCESSFUL WITH A FIRST OR SECOND DRAWING THEN THEY SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ADDITIONAL LICENSES WHEN THERE ARE OTHER HUNTERS THAT END UP WITH NONE
- 5508 ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS RIFLE, 1 PER YEAR.
[landowner preference] UP THE ACRES TO 360 ACRES
- 5513 SHOULD ONLY HAVE 1 BUCK GUN TAG PER YEAR
- 5525 AT ONE TIME I WAS QUALIFIED FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT LANDOWNERS 50% SHARE WAS TOO MANY AND RESULTS IN LARGE FAMILIES RECEIVING TOO MANY LICENSES BECAUSE EVERY MEMBER COULD RECEIVE A LICENSE. THIS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE PER FAMILY AT THE VERY MOST. THIS WAY A HUSBAND, WIFE, AND CHILD COULD GET A PERMIT NOT EVERYONE. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN MORE LICENSES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AT ONE TIME THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS ONLY ALLOWED A PERMIT EVERY THIRD YEAR. I FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD GO TO A SYSTEM THAT WOULD ONLY ALLOW A BUCK PERMIT ON THE FIRST DRAW FOR THOSE WITH AT LEAST ONE PREFERENCE POINT. THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPLY ON THE SECOND OR THIRD DRAW IF LICENSES WERE STILL AVAILABLE (THIS WOULD APPLY TO THOSE WITH NO PREFERENCE POINTS). NO ONE WITHOUT A PREFERENCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW A DOE PERMIT

UNTIL THE SECOND DRAW THIS WOULD ALLOW THOSE WITH PREFERENCE POINTS TO GET SOME KIND OF LICENSES ON THE FIRST DRAW IF YOU MAINTAINED THE OPTION FOR A DOE AS A SECOND CHOICE IN CASE THEY DID NOT DRAW A BUCK ONLY PERMIT. LANDOWNER LICENSES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE LAND THEY OWN OR OPERATE NOT THE WHOLE UNIT. LICENSES FOR PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE SET UP SO THAT THOSE WITH THE MOST POINTS WOULD BE DRAWN FIRST WITH THE ONES WITH THE NEXT FEWER POINTS DRAWN SECOND AND SO FORTH ON DOWN THE LINE. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE AT A BUCK FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS, THIS IS UNFAIR WITH THE COMPUTER DRAW USED NOW. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO SET UP. CUT THE ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS TO 80 AND ALLOW TO HUNT ONLY ON LAND OWNED OR OPERATED FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I WILL NO LONGER BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO HUNT BUT I BELIEVE SOME OF MY SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE MORE FAIR TO THE MAJORITY OF HUNTERS.

- 5527 [fairness of current system] HANDICAP. I MOVED HERE 8 YEARS AGO, ONE OF 3 YEARS A BUCK CROSSBOW IS GOOD. NO BUCK TAG EVER WITH B.H. TAG FOR BUCK. I AM 100% D.A.V. BUT SD DOESN'T CONSIDER THIS WHEN IT ISSUES TAGS. WE OWN 65 ACRES IN BROWN COUNTY. IT MEANS NOTHING TO TAG DRAWS. I HAVE NO ANSWERS OTHER THAN EVERYONE BUT ME HUNTS MY LAND FOR BUCKS? NO ANSWERS.
- 5528 I HEAR FROM HUNTERS SHOOTING 6-7 DEER A YEAR. THAT IS FAR TOO MANY FOR ONE HUNTER.
- 5529 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY.
- 5535 PERSONALLY I WOULDN'T CONSIDER ARCHERY DEER AND RIFLE DEER SEASONS TOGETHER. YES THEY ARE BOTH DEER SEASONS BUT THEY ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IN ALL OTHER ASPECTS. AS FAR AS LANDOWNER TAGS GO I WOULD KEEP THOSE SEPARATE AS WELL BUT WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IF YOU HAVE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE THEN YOU MUST HUNT ONLY YOUR LAND WITH THAT TAG. THERE IS NO REASON TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO SOMEONE IF THEY ARE HUNTING THE SAME LAND AS EVERYONE ELSE
- 5536 I THINK SOME LANDOWNERS THAT DON'T HAVE 160 ACRES GET LICENSES!!! I OWN 130 ACRES AND I DON'T APPLY LANDOWNER LIKE I SHOULD BUT HOW DO YOU GET OR HOW DO YOU CHECK TO SEE IF THEY ACTUALLY OWN/OPERATE THE 160 ACRES?? MY QUESTION IS IF I RENT 160 ACRES FROM A NEIGHBOR "A" CAN I APPLY OWNER/OPERATOR?? I WOULD THEN ASSUME THE SAME NEIGHBOR "A" THAT OWNS THE LAND AND RENTS IT TO ME CAN APPLY OWNER/OPERATOR SO YOU HAVE 2 GUYS APPLYING FOR LAND OWNER/OPERATOR FOR THE SAME 160 ACRES, IF THAT IS THE CASE THAT RULE NEEDS TO CHANGE!
- 5539 [preference points] BUT I QUESTION THIS NOW THAT YOU CAN JUST BUY A PREFERENCE POINT WITHOUT APPLYING. Q7. AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T TAKE AWAY ARCHERY ANY DEER. Q12. I GUESS I FEEL THAT THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GET A TAG IF THEY WANT ONE. I PERSONALLY

THINK THE WAY THEY DO IT IS FINE. I'M SURE THERE ARE COMPLAINTS NOW BUT THEY WILL LIKELY GO AWAY ONCE POPULATIONS REBOUND I WOULD THINK. IT'S FRUSTRATING NOT BEING ABLE TO HUNT DEER SEASON YOU WISH TO AS FAR AS THE BUCK LICENSES GO I THINK YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. I LIKE THE FACT THAT EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT ABLE TO GET AN EAST RIVER ANY DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR I CAN AT LEAST GET AN ARCHERY TAG THAT ALLOWS ME TO TAKE A NICE BUCK IF THE CHANCE ARISES. THANKS FOR YOUR WORK. ALSO I DO FEEL THAT LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT DEER EVERY YEAR BUT I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE AGAINST A LOTTERY DRAW FOR ANY DEER TAGS AND THOSE WHO DON'T DRAW ANY DEER TAGS HAVE OPTION TO RECEIVE ANTLERLESS TAGS AS LONG AS DEER POPULATIONS ALLOW FOR THIS.

5541 I DON'T THINK THE STATE SHOULD RELEASE SO MANY MOUNTAIN LIONS TO THE STATE. DEER ARE A MAIN SOURCE OF FOOD FOR THEM AND I BELIEVE THAT IS A BIG REASON FOR FEWER LICENSES BECAUSE THE CATS ARE KILLING TOO MANY DEER.

5545 I BELIEVE ARCHERY AND RIFLE TAGS SHOULD REMAIN INDEPENDENT FROM ONE ANOTHER. MANY ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE ALSO RIFLE HUNTERS BUT INVERSELY THAT IS NOT THE CASE. EVERYONE KNOWS THE CHALLENGE GETTING AN ANIMAL ARCHERY HUNTING IS GREATER AND THE SUCCESS IS LOWER SO I DON'T THINK THE APPLICATION/PROCUREMENT OF AN ARCHERY TAG SHOULD PLAY AGAINST THE AVAILABILITY OF APPLYING FOR A RIFLE TAG. THANKS.

5549 FARMERS OPERATE ON MORE ACRES IN THIS DAY THEN THEY USE TO. MOST DON'T HUNT. I HAVE TALKED TO LOTS OF FARMERS. I USE DEER MEAT TO FEED MY FAMILY AND TEACH MY KIDS TO LIVE ON THEIR OWN. LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN LAND THEY OPERATE. I KNOW MOST DON'T WE NEED TO CONTROL THIS.

5551 THANKS FOR JABBING US ANOTHER \$5 FOR PREFERENCE POINT AS A WAY TO PAD YOUR POCKETS BECAUSE OF THE REDUCED NUMBER OF LICENSES GIVEN OUT WHY DON'T YOU TIGHTEN YOU BELTS LIKE ANY OTHER BUSINESS WOULD HAVE TO.

5562 I THINK ITS UNFAIR FOR ONE HUNTER TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT THREE BUCKS IN ONE YEAR ,WHILE SOME GET NONE AND 2ND DRAW ONLY DOES .

5578 IT TOOK ME 3 YEARS TO GET A BLACK HILLS TAG. WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE RIDICULOUS. AND TO PAY FOR A PREFERENCE POINT NOW IS THE GAME FISH AND PARKS JUST BEING GREEDY.

5580 THE CURRENT SYSTEM ISN'T BROKE, EVERYONE HAS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAW A TAG. WHEN THE DEER HERD IS LOW YOU CUT BACK THE # OF TAGS. WHY SHOULD I BE PENALIZED JUST BECAUSE I HAVE MULTIPLE PLACES TO HUNT THROUGHOUT THE STATE? I HUNT MOSTLY PUBLIC GROUND. I LOVE TO HUNT AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST MULTIPLE BUCKS IS WHAT MAKES BEING A RESIDENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA GREAT! PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THAT.

- 5594 I THINK THE ELK LICENSE PREFERENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED I HAVE A TOTAL OF OVER 45 YEARS OF PREFERENCE POINTS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE PARK. I STILL CANNOT DRAW TAG AND AM 76 YEARS OLD. I KEEP HEARING OF PEOPLE DRAWING A TAG EVERY FEW YEARS. WHY NOT GO TO A SYSTEM WHERE YOU WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GET A TAG? MAYBE THAT NUMBER SHOULD BE 80 OR 85. HOPEFULLY THAT PERSON COULD GET A TAG BEFORE HE DIES.
- 5597 I DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT THAT A LAND OWNER OR LAND LEASED TO BE ABLE TO FEED DEER FOR THE PURPOSE HORDING, HERDING WHOLE DEER HERDS FOR THEMSELVES OR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS OR JUST LET THEIR FIENDS HUNT ONLY. OR THAT THEY CHARGE OTHER TO HUNT 3 TO 5 THOUSAND. THEY SHOULD BE HELD TO ACCOUNT AND BE MADE TO LET SOME OF THE PUBLIC HUNTER'S BE ABLE TO HUNT AS WELL. MAYBE A DRAWING OF SOME SORT. I WATCHED A FARMER IN HYDE CO LAST YEAR LATE SEASON DRIVING HIS FENCE LINE TO PREVENT THE DEER FROM LEAVING HIS PROPERTY. AND THERE WERE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF DEER THERE AND NOT ONE COW THAT WE COULD SEE. THAT'S JUST PLAIN WRONG. WE DROVE HUNDREDS OF MILES AND SPENT SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS TO GO OUT AND HUNT HAVE FUN. WE SPENT 3 DAYS
- 5600 I DON'T LIKE THE NEW PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM AND HAVING TO PAY FOR YOUR PREFERENCE POINTS!!
- 5608 IN MY OPINION, THE ALLOCATION PROCESS IS FINE. SOMETIMES YOU GET A FIREARM TAG FOR A SPECIFIC SEASON AND SOMETIMES YOU DON'T. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T, THEY CAN ALWAYS TAKE UP ARCHERY AND GET A BUCK TAG OR TWO. I HAVE A FRIEND WHO DIDN'T GET A BUCK TAG FOR ANYTHING THIS YEAR AND HE BOUGHT A BOW. A COUPLE YEARS FROM NOW, NUMBERS WILL BE BACK UP AND I WOULD HATE TO SEE DECISIONS BASED ON A FEW YEARS OF UNLUCKY CONDITIONS AFFECT THE FUTURE OF SOUTH DAKOTA HUNTING. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND SOME CHANGES TO THE NON-RESIDENT TAGS. I HAVE FRIENDS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT, BUT THE COST IS PROHIBITIVE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY MIGHT WANT TO COME FOR TWO SEASONS.
- 5616 I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANYTHING IS BEING DONE FOR THE HABITAT LOSS. IN RECENT YEARS NOTABLY FARMERS HAVE REMOVED TREE CLAIMS, CRP, AND OTHER PROPERTY/HABITAT FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE/WEALTH. MANY OF THESE ACRES WERE PUT IN PLACES FOR A SEASON AND AS OUR SAFETY. IS THERE EVEN TALK OF THIS AND HOW IT HAS AFFECTED US (HUNTERS, FISHERS, OUTDOORSMEN, SOUTH DAKOTANS) AS A WHOLE INSTEAD OF THE PERSONAL INTERESTS OF FEW? I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ACTION TOWARD A FUTURE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- 5619 I SEE WAY TOO MANY LANDOWNER LICENSES BEING USED. COMPARED TO RESIDENT'S ABLE TO DRAW, LOOKS TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE, ANY LAND QUALIFYING FOR FARM RELATED PROGRAMS OF SUBSIDIES, FEDERAL CROP INS. CRP, ETC. OPEN TO PUBLIC HUNTING, BECAUSE GOVT. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AND PAID TO LANDOWNERS. IT IS

ONLY RIGHT FOR TAXPAYERS FUNDING THESE PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SIMPLY HUNT ON THIS GROUND. THANKS

- 5626 WHY DOES EVERYONE WANT A BUCK LICENSE? I THINK THEY SHOULD GET A BUCK AND DOE LICENSE. THERE ARE MORE DOE THAN BUCKS. HAVE A WEST RIVER 1ST CHOICE 1 BUCK 1 DOE LICENSE FOR \$45 AND PREFERENCE POINTS. HAVE BLACK HILLS DEER LICENSE THE SAME AND PREFERENCE POINTS. WHY DOES GFP KEEP MOVING THE FIRST SEASON OF WEST RIVER DEER UP. KEEP IT AT THE START OF SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER NOT THE 1ST.
- 5628 DON'T AGREE WITH RESERVING HALF OF LICENSES FOR LANDOWNERS - AGREE WITH GIVING LANDOWNERS GUARANTEED LICENSES TO HUNT THEIR PROPERTY. I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RESERVING HALF OF GENERAL LICENSES FOR LANDOWNERS IF THEY COULD PROVE ENROLLMENT IN CREP OR WALK IN PROGRAMS. I ALSO THINK IT IS UNCLEAR ON HOW THE OWNER/OPERATOR PRIVILEGES WORK. HOW MANY LANDOWNERS ARE APPLYING DURING THE GENERAL DRAW AND END UP ONLY HUNTING THEIR OWN LAND ANYWAYS?
- 5631 CONSIDER DECREASING LANDOWNER ELIGIBILITY TO 80 ACRES. INCREASING LAND COSTS AND OWNERS HAVING MORE ACCESS TO HARVEST DEER. MORE CONSISTENT HARVEST WITH TAG NUMBERS. ESPECIALLY IF MAJORITY OF UNITS ARE NOT MEETING 50% WITH LANDOWNER PERMITS.
- 5633 PEOPLE THAT ARE WORRIED ABOUT BUCK TAGS WOULD SHOOT ANY BUCK AND NOT LET THEM MATURE. THEY SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE 4 POINTS OR MORE THAT WOULD BE A REAL HUNT STOP LISTENING TO THE SQUEAKY WHEELS AND LEAVE THE BOW HUNTERS HUNT!
- 5643 PLEASE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ISSUING TO MANY ANTLERLESS TAGS. IT'S WELL PAST THE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF THIS BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THE HUNTING TURN TO CRAP. I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR THOUGHTS ON KILLING THE DOES & FAWNS AND THEN WONDERING WHERE THE DEER ARE. SAME PROBLEM WITH THE ELK. ANY ELK TAGS ARE NOT THE RIGHT THING IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH BALLS TO WALK TO HUNT, THEY SHOULD NOT BE OUT THERE RUINING IT FOR EVERYONE ELSE.
- 5647 DON'T KNOW FOR SURE BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT A LOT OF LANDOWNERS ARE GETTING OWNER LICENSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY NOT JUST THE PERSON WHO OWNS THE LAND. I BELIEVE ONLY THE PERSON WHO NAME SHOWS THEY OWN THE LAND SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LICENSE. ALSO SOW KNOW IF THE PERSON OWNS THE LAND OR OPERATES IT. MAY BE GIVING OUT DOUBLE LICENSES FOR THE SAME PLOT OF LAND.
- 5661 IT BECOMES A QUESTION OF ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE EASIER FOR THE NOVICE DEER HUNTER OR ARE YOU TRYING TO CATER TO THE MORE DIE HARD HUNTER THAT WANTS TO HUNT MULTIPLE SEASONS. THIS WOULD BE MY SECOND YEAR OF DEER HUNTING IN WEST RIVER, AND I AM 38 YEAR OLD I DIDN'T DRAW MY TAG THIS YEAR. I HAVE ENJOYED DEER HUNTING BUT WILL I PUT IN AGAIN NEXT YEAR?. IT IS SOMEWHAT TIME CONSUMING, THERE ARE EXPENSES BUT I'VE HAD A GREAT TIME IN THE PAST. I COULD SEE MYSELF

FALLING OUT OF THE ROUTINE AND NOT APPLYING AGAIN. IT IS SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATING TO HEAR THAT OTHER HUNTERS GOT MULTIPLE BUCK LICENSES (FIREARM, ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER) WHEN I COULDN'T DRAW ONE. HOWEVER THEY SPEND MORE TIME, ENERGY AND MONEY AT IT THAN I DO. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT GAME, FISH AND PARKS DECIDES TO DO.

5692 I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PAYING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS, AS IT SEEMS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED ALREADY. I DON'T THINK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR FIREARMS SHOULD DEPEND ON ARCHERY TAGS AT ALL. THAT IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DEAL ALTOGETHER!!!

5698 I AM NOT EXCITED ABOUT THE \$5.00 CHARGE TO KEEP A PREFERENCE POINT.

5699 [most preferred deer hunt] 1 - WEST RIVER, 2 - EAST RIVER, 3 - ARCHERY DEER

5700 I THINK GFP IS DOING A GOOD JOB I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE UPSET GFP DIDN'T GIVE OUT A LOT OF TAGS BUT GOOD CALL ON THAT. I DON'T SEE THE DEER WEST RIVER LIKE I USED TO IN PAST YEARS. I'D PERSONALLY RATHER ARCHERY HUNT THAN RIFLE. THESE PEOPLE WITH DEER PROBLEMS AND GFP SHOULD WORK OUT A DEAL THAT ARCHERY HUNTERS CAN GET A TAG TO SHOOT A DOE OR 2. I DON'T REALLY CARE IF I SHOOT A BUCK OR A DOE OR IF I DON'T SEE ANYTHING. JUST BEING OUTDOORS IS AWESOME. THANKS

5706 I BELIEVE APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVE LANDOWNER TAGS, SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO HUNT ON THEIR PRIVATE LAND. OR, THOSE WHO RECEIVE LANDOWNER TAGS MUST ALLOW PEOPLE TO HUNT THEIR LAND. I BELIEVE IT'S UNFAIR TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN LAND. OVERALL I THINK THE GFP IS DOING A GREAT JOB. I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE EVERYONE AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK.

5712 IF PEOPLE WANT MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HUNT A BUCK THEN THEY SHOULD ADD NEW HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES TO THEIR SEASON...IE ARCHERY. WHY SHOULD AN ARCHER BE PENALIZED BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE LACKS THE SKILL OR MOTIVATION TO HUNT WITH A BOW AND ARROW? AND LET'S BE REAL ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BUCKS BEING TAKEN BY ARCHERS...EVERY ARCHER DOES NOT HARVEST A BUCK.

5721 I AM GLAD Y'ALL DID THIS SURVEY HOWEVER I AM SKEPTICAL ON THINGS CHANGING. THE RESIDENTS THAT GET MORE THAN ONE DEER TAG PER YEAR ARE MORE LIKELY GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY THAN ONES LIKE ME WHO ONLY HUNT BLACK HILLS AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN A DEER IN THREE YEARS NOW, THAT BEING SAID I REALLY HOPE SOMETHING CHANGES. I UNDERSTAND THAT HUNTING IS A "PRIVILEGE" BUT THAT PRIVILEGE IS ONLY A WORD PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING TAGS USE TO CONTROL THE PEOPLE WHO APPLY EVERY YEAR AND GET DENIED. IF I DON'T GET A TAG IN THE NEXT YEAR, I AM QUITTING HUNTING AND FISHING. I'M SURE Y'ALL GET FIRST PREFERENCE OR ALL OF US RESIDENTS ANYWAYS I'M [expletive deleted] SICK OF THIS [expletive deleted]

- 5725 I PERSONALLY KNOW OF LANDOWNERS FROM OUT OF STATE THAT BUY JUST ENOUGH LAND TO QUALIFY. ALSO OTHER LANDOWNERS THAT TAKE 75 PLUS DEER EVERY YEAR, NOT COUNTING ANTELOPE. ALL I KNOW, IS IT GETS HARDER EVERY YEAR FOR A PERSON LIKE MYSELF TO GET A TAG. AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING WAY MORE THAN THEY NEED.
- 5730 YOU SHOULD ALLOCATE IT DOWN TO HUNTING AREAS AND SAY COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE PREFERENCE FOR BUCK TAGS OVER NON-COUNTY RESIDENTS AND OUT OF STATE RESIDENTS.
- 5735 WHAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DEER LICENSE IS, SOME IN OUR AREA GRAZE TO THE DIRT IN DRY YEARS HAVE NO HABITAT FOR ANYTHING AND WILL SNEAK IN TO ADJOINING LAND TO HUNT. WE HAVE CAUGHT THEM ON OUR 80 ACRES TWICE.
- 5737 I DON'T SEE WHERE YOUTH NEED MORE THAN ONE LICENSE PER YEAR, I AM FOR YOUTH GETTING A LICENSE BUT DON'T THINK THEY NEED MORE THAN ONE LICENSE A YEAR.
- 5740 [expectation to draw] BHD NOT VERY OFTEN, WRD - EVERY YEAR, I RECEIVED NO LICENSE THIS YEAR. [general comments] MY ISSUE WITH THE SYSTEM THIS YEAR IS AN OUT OF STATE, MORE THAN LIKELY RECEIVED A LICENSE WHERE I DID NOT DRAW A LICENSE. I THINK OUT OF STATE SHOULD GET IN THE SECOND DRAWING SO SD RESIDENTS HAVE A CHANCE. THEY GET WHAT'S LEFT AFTER WE ARE TAKEN CARE OF IN FIRST DRAWING. NONE OF THIS SO MANY OUT OF STATES AVAILABLE. ALSO, A VETERAN SHOULD BE GUARANTEED A LICENSE (BUCK). ALSO, TOO MANY HUNTERS THAT GET MULTIPLE LICENSES ARE ONLY TAKING THE BUCKS AND LEAVING DOES. I USE HUNTING AS A FOOD SOURCE NOT TO PUT 2 OR 3 SETS OF ANTLERS ON THE WALL. SO ONE BUCK A YEAR IS FINE WITH ME. WE NEED TO QUIT WASTING OUR RESOURCES.
- 5761 IF YOU ARE SO WORRIED ABOUT LANDOWNERS & HABITAT MAYBE THEY SHOULD QUIT TAKING TREES OUT AND LEAVE THE WATER WAYS AND SLOUGHS ALONE.
- 5766 GO TO AN OVER-THE-COUNTER, 1ST COME, 1ST SERVE FOR A PROPORTION OF SD DEER LICENSES FOR FIREARM SEASONS AND RESERVE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MULTIPLE TAGS ONLY FOR RESIDENTS. MORE DIRECT CONTROL OVER AMOUNT OF LICENSES IN A GIVEN COUNTY WITH A MORE FAIR PERCENTAGE OF HUNTERS IN THOSE COUNTIES HAVING ACCESS. WOULD NEGATE SEMBLANCE OF PERCEPTION OF POTENTIAL FAVORITISM AND WOULD REQUIRE LESS ECONOMICAL RESOURCES TO TRACK. LEAVE NON-RESIDENT LICENSES UNDER CURRENT LOTTERY SYSTEM AS WELL AS EXTRA MANAGEMENT BONUS TAGS. THIS SYSTEM HAS PROVEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN STATES THAT HAVE ADOPTED THE OVER-THE-COUNTER APPROACH SUCH AS THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. I SEE NO REASON TO FURTHER LIMIT ARCHERY DEER HUNTERS AS THEIR ABILITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN TAKING DEER IS MUCH MORE RESTRICTED BY USE OF A BOW (I.E. REDUCED RANGE OF WEAPON) AS COMPARED WITH A FIREARM HUNTER. I HUNT BOTH WITH A BOW, AS WELL AS A FIREARM 2ND DUE TO THE INCREASED

RANGE OF A FIREARM THIS ALREADY GIVES A FIREARM HUNTER AN ADVANTAGE AND REQUIRES LESS PHYSICAL AND TACTICAL SKILL THAN LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY OF A BOW HUNTER.

5769 I FAVOR THE CONCEPT OF A "CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON" SEASON, DEFINED AS: IF YOU CHOOSE A REGULAR FIREARM LICENSE, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ARCHERY OR MUZZLELOADER. FURTHER, IF YOU CHOOSE ARCHERY (OR MUZZLELOADER) YOU WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO PURCHASE A LICENSE FOR THOSE SEASONS AND WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO HUNT WITH OTHER WEAPONS.

5770 SELLING PREFERENCE POINTS IS A CROCK. OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE FOR SALE. POOR PEOPLE CANNOT PURCHASE AND MAY NOT GET DRAWN AS OFTEN...YOU ARE PROMOTING \$ FOR HUNTING PRIVILEGE.

5771 [landowner preference] 25%

5782 ARCHERY PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR MANY DAYS OF HUNTING. ARCHERS WHO I KNOW VALUE THE TIME OUT IN NATURE AS MUCH AS A SUCCESSFUL HUNT. DAYS SPENT TO DEER TAKEN WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE HIGHER FOR THIS GROUP. GFP'S GOAL FOR THE USE OF THE DEER RESOURCE WOULD SEEM TO ME BUT SEVERAL BY ENCOURAGING YEAR BY AVAILABILITY TO ARCHERY DEER. I'M CONCERNED THAT IF YOU ARE AN ARCHER YOU MAY BE AT A DISADVANTAGE ON GETTING RIFLE TAGS ALSO. LANDOWNERS LICENSE, THE STATE OWNS SOME LAND BUT PRIVATE LANDOWNERS MAKE DECISIONS HOW TO UTILIZE THEIR PROPERTY. I HAVE SEEN MANY SHELTER BELTS AND OTHER HABITAT LOST IN RECENT YEARS TO PRODUCTION, MANY ACRES OF CRP NOT RENEWED. IF A LANDOWNER PROVIDES FOOD, WATER & SHELTER FOR WILDLIFE, THEY SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO BE ABLE TO HUNT WHAT THEY SUPPORT. IF THEY ENJOY THE WILDLIFE THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO PROVIDE FOOD, WATER, AND SHELTER. YOUTH PROGRAMS: GOOD LANDOWNER PROGRAMS: GOOD SUGGESTION LANDOWNER TAG ONLY GOOD FOR THEIR OWN LAND? MAYBE THAT'S WHAT YOU DO ALREADY.

5785 IN THE PAST, I AS AN ARCHERY HUNTER HAVE DILIGENTLY KEPT MY 'SPOT' CLEAN AND QUIET ONLY TO BE SITTING IN MY TREE STAND ON OPENING DAY ONLY TO HAVE MY STEALTHINESS ABRUPTLY INTERRUPTED BY A WATERFOWL SEASON OPENING ON THE SAME DAY THEREBY RUINING MY HUNT AND PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS RIGHT FROM THE START BY SPOOKING THE BIG GAME. WE AS ARCHERS ARE NOT LONG RANGE HUNTERS (SNIPERS) AND DEPEND ON OUR EVERY EFFORT TO GET UN-DISTURBED GAME INTO OUR VERY 'LIMITED' RANGE!! PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, AND DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY OTHER FIREARM 'OPENERS' UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER ARCHERY'S FIRST WEEK!

5794 REALITY IS ONCE EVERY 4 OR 5. FOR AS LIMITED AS TAGS ARE IF YOU RECEIVE A TAG YOU AREN'T ELIGIBLE THE NEXT YEAR AT ALL. GIVE PEOPLE WHO NEED/WANT MEAT IN THE FREEZER A BETTER CHANCE TO HUNT.

- 5795 SOME HUNTER CAN GET 5 TO 7 DEER IN A YEAR AND OTHER GET NO LINCENSES. I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ONLY GET 1 BUCK AND 1 DOE PER PERSON.
- 5799 THE WAY THAT THE GF&P REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF TAGS THIS YEAR IS RIDICULOUS. IF THEY WOULD NOT HAVE PLANTED ALL THE MOUNTAIN LIONS IN EAST RIVER LIKE THEY DID WE WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEM LIKE WE HAVE NOW. ALSO IF THEY WOULD ASK SOME OF THE LANDOWNERS AND OPERATORS HOW THE DEER POPULATION IS AND ALLOW THEM SOME INPUT WE MIGHT HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF EXACTLY HOW MANY DEER THERE REALLY IS IN EACH COUNTY. I HAVE SEEN MORE DEER THIS YEAR IN MY AREA THAN LAST YEAR AND YET THE TAGS ARE REDUCED TO A RIDICULOUS LEVEL. GET THE DAMN CATS OUT OF AREAS WHERE THEY DON'T BELONG AND QUIT TRANSPLANTING THEM.
- 5801 I THINK PER 160 ACRES YOU ALLOW ONLY ONE LANDOWNER LICENSE. TOO MANY LANDOWNERS FIND LOOP HOLES TO RENT LAND TO GROWN CHILDREN AND RELATIVES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OBTAINING THE LICENSE. I ALSO FEEL THE RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT FAMISHED MOUNTAIN LIONS DISPLAY REAL ISSUES IN THE BLACK HILLS. MORE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE. THE MOUNTAIN LION POPULATION IN THE HILLS HAS SPIKED THEREFORE DECREASED THE DEER POPULATION. I WOULD ALLOW CONTROLLED HUNTS WITH DOGS TO REDUCE THIS POPULATION IMMEDIATELY. I BELIEVE THE MISMANAGEMENT OF OUR DEER POPULATION, PREDATOR INCREASES, WEATHER, AND NATURAL CYCLES HAVE LED US TO THE ISSUE WE HAVE CURRENTLY. CONTINUING TO MANAGE THIS WAY AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS IS EINSTEIN'S DEFINITION OF INSANITY. I HAVE TRUST AND FAITH THAT OUR STATE GFP WILL ADAPT AND MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT SYSTEM IN PLACE.
- 5802 [landowner preference] FAR FAR FAR TOO MANY. TAKE THE LANDOWNERS OUT OF (GENERAL DRAW) SO THAT NONLANDOWNERS ARE APPLYING FOR 100% OF THE ALLOCATED AMOUNT OF TAGS AVAILABLE.
- 5809 I AM NOT A GAME BIOLOGIST BUT I BELIEVE IT IS THE DOE POPULATION/HARVEST THAT ULTIMATELY DICTATES THE OVERALL POPULATION INCLUDING BUCKS. PERHAPS THE GAME COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER OFFERING FEWER DOE TAGS AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUCKS TO MORE HUNTER INSTEAD OF FEWER, OR INCREASE USE OF SPLIT SEASONS TO INCREASE AVAILABLE BUCK TAGS BUT KEEP HUNTING PRESSURE LEVELS THE SAME, RELATIVELY. THE HUNTING COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL NOT FEWER. FOCUS ON CHANGE TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH POPULATION GOALS AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION BECAUSE THE GOAL IS AND NOT OR. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK. IT IS APPRECIATED. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS. I TRUST THE GFP DEPARTMENT TO DO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR STATE GAME AND FISH, OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS, AND THE LANDOWNER COMMUNITY. BEST REGARDS.
- 5823 1) ARCHERY SUCCESS IS 25% OR LESS. CONTROL OF MULTIPLE RIFLE TAGS IS A BETTER WAY TO CONTROL HERD AND ALLOW MORE HUNTERS TO DRAW

TAGS. 2) LANDOWNERS SHOULD GO TO EVERY OTHER YEAR AND PUT MORE TAGS BACK INTO THE SYSTEM.

- 5828 LOCALS SHOULD GET THEM [licenses] BEFORE OUT OF STATE. [alternative allocations] NOT SURE IF I UNDERSTAND. A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS I THINK IF YOU LIVE IN THE BLACK HILLS YOU SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY FOR BLACK HILLS DEER. OUT OF STATE SHOULD COME AFTER WE HAVE HAD OUR CHOICE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STUDY OF THE MOUNTAIN LION AS TO HOW MANY DEER THEY EAT. EACH DEER IS A LICENSE FOR A HUNTER WHICH IS MONEY FOR THE GAME AND FISH (JUST A THOUGHT). I DON'T LIKE DOGS BEING ALLOWED TO HUNT MOUNTAIN LIONS. LET THE SEASON RUN LONGER IF YOU NEED TO.
- 5836 1. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO HARVEST A DEER FOR THEIR USE. 2. WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE MORE ELK LICENSES AVAILABLE. 3. WE USE WILD GAME MEAT AS A BIG PART OF OUR MEAT INTAKE. THIS IS VERY HARD WITH PRESENT SYSTEM.
- 5847 NONE OF THIS REALLY MATTERS, AS LANDOWNERS ARE TAKING AWAY MOST OF THE HABITAT AROUND HERE FOR THE DEER, BUT THEY'LL STILL GET THEIR PREFERENCES AHEAD OF US "NORMAL" HUNTERS. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH LEFT TO HUNT IN, BUT AGAIN, THE LANDOWNERS DO SO THEY'LL GET THEIR LICENSES NO MATTER WHAT AREA TO HUNT. AND THEN THERE'S THOSE "LANDOWNERS" WHO BAIT DEER HERDS TO KEEP THEM WITHIN THEIR LANDS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW FEW DEER ARE LEFT FOR US "NORMAL" HUNTERS. I THOUGHT BAITING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ILLEGAL? YEAH RIGHT!
- 5849 PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE MOST PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST FOR A BUCK TAG. MANY LANDOWNERS FOR A UNIT ARE MULTIPLE OWNERS FOR A MINIMUM OF 160 ACRES. LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO 1 LICENSE PER PARCEL. I DON'T CARE IF THERE ARE 20 OWNERS PER MINIMUM PARCEL. 160 ACRES FOR A LANDOWNERS TAG IS NO LONGER A BIG PIECE OF GROUND. THERE SHOULD ONLY BE 10-15% OF BUCK TAGS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO LANDOWNERS. OTHER STATES DON'T GIVE 50% OF TAGS TO LANDOWNERS. YOU HAD NON-RESIDENTS TAGS UNDER CONTROL ALSO WHEN YOU BUSTED SOME OF THEM WEST RIVER LANDOWNERS. BUT YOU TURNED AROUND AND PLAYED INTO THEIR HAND OR CARDS AND NOW GIVE THEM 500 NON-RESIDENTS SPECIAL BUCK TAGS AND LESSEN THE NUMBERS FOR US.
- 5850 WITH THE HIGHER DEER NUMBERS WE GOT OUR FIRST CHOICE MOST YEARS. IF THE NUMBERS COME BACK I CAN SEE THAT HAPPENING AGAIN. BUCK LICENSES ARE NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE NUMBERS OF DEER AND HUNTERS. MAYBE ALLOWING HUNTERS WHO RESIDE IN A COUNTY TO HAVE FIRST CHOICE FOR TAGS IN THAT COUNTY BEFORE ANY ARE AWARDED TO OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE. WE DO NOT TEND TRAVEL TO HUNT; MY HUSBAND LIKES TO GET EAST RIVER RIFLE AND ARCHERY DEER. I LIKE EAST RIVER RIFLE. IF WE COULD CONTINUE TO GET THESE CHOICES MOST YEARS WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY AS WERE AGING AND NOT THAT MANY SEASONS LEFT.

- 5851 I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AND HOW FAR THEY ARE WILLING TO DRIVE TO HUNT A BUCK. BY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF BUCKS ONE COULD GET, PROPOSED IN THIS SURVEY YOU MAY NOT BE CHANGING MUCH. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE THAT SOME HUNTER PUTS IN FOR A FIREARMS BUCK TAG IN BROOKINGS COUNTY AND IS GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS TO GET A TAG BECAUSE OF THE DEMAND. THIS HUNTER COULD MORE EASILY GET A BUCK TAG IN LET'S SAY LYMAN COUNTY BUT IS UNWILLING TO DRIVE OR HUNT THERE.
- 5852 PREFERENCE SHOULD MEAN JUST THAT. 2014 WAS THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW THAT I WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE DRAW FOR WHITETAIL IN THE BLACK HILLS. I ASSUME THAT MANY APPLICANTS WITH LESSER PREFERENCE GOT THEIR TAGS. THIS UNFAIRNESS SHOULD CHANGE.
- 5853 I BELIEVE ALL LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS SHOULD GET A DEER LICENSE IF THEY OPERATE 160 ACRES. ONE LICENSE PER 160 ACRES.
- 5863 MY COMMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT RECEIVE MUCH MERIT. HOWEVER I MOVED OUT OF STATE IN 1990 TO WORK FULL TIME FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD IN ANOTHER STATE. DEER HUNTING EAST RIVER IS A HUGE EVENT IN OUR FAMILY. I WAS NEVER ABLE TO DRAW A LICENSE BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL GONE BY THE TIME MY TURN CAME (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE YEAR). I GAVE UP TRYING OPTIONS FIGURE OUT A WAY TO OFFER A LIMITED NUMBER OF LICENSES TO OUT OF STATE PERSONNEL. I'M TALKING STRICTLY EAST RIVER AND THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL WORK YOU DO!
- 5870 I THINK THAT IF YOU DRAW A TAG IN YOUR HOME COUNTY YOU SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF ANY DEER TAG. MY REASONING FOR THIS IS THAT LOCALS LIKE TO LET THE YOUNG BUCKS GO AND JUST SHOOT DOES FOR MEAT. THIS WAY I THINK THERE WOULD BE MORE BUCKS GETTING A CHANCE TO REACH FULL MATURITY. I ALSO THINK MORE LOCAL TAGS SHOULD BE ISSUED THAN OUT OF COUNTY OR STATE. (TOO MANY SMALL BUCKS ARE SHOT BY NON LOCALS).
- 5881 ARCHERY DEER IS A STEP ABOVE ITS OWN FORM ANY OTHER SEASONS. ARCHERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ONE ANY DEER AND ONE ANTLERLESS. THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT IS PUT INTO ARCHERY IS NOT PAID OFF BY TAKING THE NUMBER OF TAGS AWAY FROM US. IT WILL FALL BACK TO FARMERS BEING ANGRY AND POACHING, AND LEAVE THEM LAY, RATHER THAN LETTING BOW HUNTERS HUNT TO CONTROL POPULATION AND BE ETHICAL ABOUT IT. I AS A BOW HUNTER RELY ON MY BIG GAME TO LIVE OFF AND NOT JUST HUNT FOR HORNS. BOW HUNTERS SHOULD RECEIVE MORE TAGS.
- 5882 WE NEED TO START CONSIDERING ARCHERY HARVEST AS SIGNIFICANT AND THEREFORE START LIMITING THE TAGS AVAILABLE. AS MORE PEOPLE TAKE PART IN ARCHERY AND THE EQUIPMENT GETS MORE PRECISE THERE ARE MORE DEER BEING HARVESTED THROUGH THIS METHOD. CURRENTLY THAT HARVEST IS BEING VIEWED AS INSIGNIFICANT AND THAT IS NOT THE CASE ANYMORE SINCE HARVEST PERCENTAGES ARE WAY ABOVE THE OLD 10% RATE. THE DEER HARVEST IS ALSO AT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE BUCKS COMPARED TO DOES I WOULD GUESS. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG ABOUT

THIS IT IS GREAT THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING OUT THERE AND HUNTING WITH A BOW BUT WE NEED TO ADAPT OUR MANAGEMENT TO REFLECT THIS. WITH THE DECREASED HABITAT WE ARE NOT PRODUCING DEER AT A RATE WE ARE USED TO SO WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO HARVEST AT A HIGH RATE AND CURRENTLY THE ONLY ONES THAT HAVE HAD TO LIMIT OR GO WITHOUT HARVESTING A DEER ARE THE RIFLE HUNTERS AND THAT IS NOT FAIR TO THEM. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER SO EVERYONE SHOULD FEEL THE PINCH.

5891 I HAVE TALKED TO SEVERAL LANDOWNERS IN THE EAST AND NE COUNTIES WHO ARE SURPRISED BY THE REDUCTION IN TAG OFFERINGS. MANY OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DEER HARVESTED AS THEY DO NOT SEE A POPULATION DECLINE. RATHER, NUMBERS (ACCORDING TO THEM) MAY BE INCREASING.

5893 [season apply for] ER DEER SOMETIMES. WR DEER SOMETIMES BHD - EVERY YEAR GET ONE ABOUT EVERY 5 YEARS? DON'T KNOW WHY THERE ARE LIMITED MOST PEOPLE WOULD NOT GET DEER IN THE HILLS ANYWAY. [fairness of current system] I'M NOT A TROPHY HUNTER BUT NEVER SHOT A DOE IN MY LIFE. I'M 69 YEARS OLD.[preference points] MONEY GRAB ON STATE'S SIDE ABOUT THE MONEY NOT FAIR.[GENERAL COMMENTS] GIVE MORE LICENSES TO IN STATE PEOPLE. ARCHERS SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO GET 1 LICENSE FOR RIFLE. I HAVE 41 ACRES DO NOT QUALIFY [for landowner preference] NEVER GOT LICENSE FOR MY COUNTY BUT THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAS LICENSE AND HUNTS MINE AND OTHER LAND EVER YEAR? SHOULD BE 1 LICENSES FOR LANDOWNER NOT 9 KIDS AND BROTHER IN LAW, BEST BROTHER ON - ON - ON. I THINK THEY SHOULD ATTACH COUPON TO LICENSE TO GIVE IT TO LANDOWNER IF YOU HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND. MY OPINION HUNTING IS FOR THE RICH AND IT PROBABLY WON'T BE HERE IN 25 YEARS IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE WORKING PERSON.

5895 LEAVE THE DRAW SYSTEM ALONE! STOP TRYING TO CREATE MORE PREFERENCE POINTS WHICH IN RETURN CREATES MORE MONEY FOR GFP. WE ALL SEE WHAT YOU ARE UP TO MORE MONEY YOU GREEDY GOVERNMENT AGENCY! YOU CREATE YOUR OWN DRAMA AND I'M SICK OF IT. OVERPRICED FEES CROSS THE BOARD IF YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE IT TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY! REALLY A RADICAL STATE LIKE COLORADO A RESIDENT CAN SHOOT AN ELK FOR ABOUT WHAT IT COST A SD. RESIDENT TO SHOOT A DEER. HMM?? GET IT TOGETHER. IT'S ABOUT CONSERVATION, HABITAT, WILDLIFE, AND THE HUNTER NOT MONEY! WITH ALL THE OUT OF STATE HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN COMING TO RAPE OUR RESOURCES OUR LICENSE AND FEES SHOULD BE NEXT TO NOTHING NOT GOING UP EVERY YEAR. I'LL JUST STOP I'M SURE YOU HAVE HEARD ALL THIS BEFORE. MAYBE START LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE YOU SUPPOSEDLY SERVE!!!

5898 I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CHARGING OF \$5.00 TO GET A PREFERENCE POINT IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE DRAWING. IT SHOULD BE FREE, AS BEFORE!

5900 AS A LANDOWNER, I HAVE MORE DEER FEEDING ON MY CROPS THAN ON CRP LAND OR PUBLIC LANDS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN STATE LANDOWNERS, THAT

DON'T GET A BUCK LICENSE, GET A MONITORY PAYMENT FOR FEEDING DEER THAT OTHERS ARE SHOOTING.

- 5904 I'M FROM IOWA AND THEIR PROCESS IS MUCH BETTER. THEY MAY HAVE MANY MORE DEER THOUGH? EACH APPLICANTS' FIRST LICENSE IS AN EITHER/OR TAG. THEN THEY CAN PURCHASE AS MANY DOE TAGS AS EACH COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE. TO BE A RESIDENT OF SD AND HAVE 2 PREFERENCE POINTS FOR MUZZLELOADER AND 1 FOR EAST RIVER AND NOT GET DRAWN SEEMS VERY UNFAIR. PERHAPS YOU COULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-STATE LICENSES? I DON'T EVEN CARE IF I GET A BUCK LICENSE. EACH RESIDENT SHOULD AT LEAST GET A DOE TAG AT A MINIMUM. THERE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE A "LOTTERY" FOR RESIDENTS. IF I CAN'T GET A LICENSE HERE, THEN I WILL BE FORCED TO HUNT OUT OF STATE AND SPEND MY MONEY ELSEWHERE.
- 5908 YOU BETTER CHECK APPLICANTS WHO APPLY FOR LANDOWNER ACRES. IN LINCOLN COUNTY I KNOW PEOPLE DON'T EVEN HAVE NEAR 160 ACRES AND ARE APPLYING FOR LANDOWNERS. I'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH DEER ON MY ACREAGE (10 ACRES) AND I CAN'T GET A LANDOWNER TAG.
- 5909 I FEEL IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA YOU SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE OVER ANOTHER AREAS. MEANING IF YOU LIVE IN THE BLACK HILLS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A BLACK HILLS DEER LICENSE. IF YOU LIVE WEST RIVER YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A WEST RIVER DEER LICENSE. IF YOU LIVE EAST RIVER YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET AN EAST RIVER LICENSE...THEN IF THERE ARE OTHER LICENSES EVERYONE CAN APPLY....
- 5910 ALLOW MUZZLELOADER HUNTING IN THE HILLS WHEN FIRE DANGER IS LOW OR SNOW COVERED. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?
- 5911 WE WANT MORE HUNTERS. ONE IS ENOUGH. WE DO. IT NEEDS TO BE A PIG.
- 5912 HOW DO YOU VERIFY THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE APPLYING FOR OWNER/OPERATOR LANDOWNER LICENSE ARE WHO THEY SAY THERE ARE. I BELIEVE PEOPLE ARE SAYING THEY ARE LANDOWNER WHEN THEY AREN'T. HAVING TO BUY PREFERENCE POINTS IS A CONCERN...
LANDOWNER/OPERATOR - KIDS WIFE, HIRED MAN ... ALL QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER OPERATOR?
- 5920 MAYBE ISSUE A PUBLIC HUNTING LAND LICENSE ONLY. ONLY WALK-IN AND PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS COULD BE HUNTED. I CURRENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE A LICENSE IN CODINGTON FOR 3 YRS AND ONLY HUNT PUBLIC LAND.
- 5938 THE LANDOWNER TAGS MAKE ME MAD. EVERY YEAR, I SEE LANDOWNERS GETTING MULIE TAGS, AND SHOOTING THE BIGGEST DEER IN THE COUNTY NOT ON THEIR LAND. YOU CAN'T TURN THEM IN, OR YOU WILL NEVER GET ANY PERMISSION ANYWHERE.
- 5944 HAVE LANDOWNERS ONLY HUNT ON LAND THEY APPLY FOR! NOT FAIR TO HUNT ANYWHERE THEY WANT TO.

- 5961 THIS SURVEY JUST ASKS ABOUT BUCK TAGS BUT THE LAST 2 YEARS WHERE I HUNT IT HAS ONLY BEEN ANY DEER TAGS IN WHICH I USUALLY ONLY APPLY FOR THE DOE TAGS BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL LET YOU HUNT IF YOU'RE NOT AFTER THEIR BIG BUCKS AND IN MY OPINION YOU CAN'T EAT THE HORN SO THE BUCK OR ANY DEER TAGS DON'T MATTER TO ME THAT MUCH I JUST ENJOY HUNTING.
- 5963 APPS THIS YEAR - BH ELK - 16 YEARS PREFERENCE POINTS - UNSUCCESSFUL, BH DEER - 1 YEAR PREFERENCE POINTS - UNSUCCESSFUL, POTTER CO EAST RIVER DEER - 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE UNSUCCESSFUL, PRAIRIE ANTELOPE, - YEARS PREFERENCE POINTS UNSUCCESSFUL, LEFTOVER EAST RIVER DEER 1ST UNSUCCESSFUL, 2ND ANTLERLESS RECEIVED. ARCHERY SUCCESSFUL, DIDN'T PLAN ON HUNTING THIS YEAR BUT ONLY CHANCE TO HUNT FOR A BUCK. AFTER 3RD EAST RIVER BOUGHT POTTER COUNTY ANTLERLESS. I DON'T REALLY HAVE SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD IMPROVE LICENSING, BUT IT DOES SEEM THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST 1 BUCK LICENSE BEFORE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE 3 OR 4. I DIDN'T PLAN ON ARCHERY HUNTING THIS YEAR BUT DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER WAY TO HUNT FOR A BUCK. IT STILL IS A LITTLE EASIER TO GET ACCESS FOR ARCHERY. I PUT DOWN BLACK HILLS DEER AS MY FAVORITE HUNT, THAT IS MOSTLY DUE TO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE LAND TO HUNT ON. MY MOTHER IN LAW HAS 3 QUARTERS OF LAND WITHIN 6 MILES OF MY HOUSE THAT I CAN HUNT ON, I JUST DON'T HAVE A BUCK TAG. THE FARMER WHO RENTS IT HAS A BUCK TAG AS WELL AS ALL HIS KIDS AND ALL THE NEIGHBORING FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT DOES GET FRUSTRATING WHEN BIG GAME (MOSTLY DEER) IS ABOUT THE ONLY HUNTING YOU DO ANYMORE AND YOU HAVE TO BUY ANTLERLESS TAGS AFTER THE DRAWINGS ARE OVER TO EVEN GO.
- 5969 I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU PUT SUCH A BIG LIMIT ON DEER TAGS IN YANKTON COUNTY WHEN YOU CAN'T DRIVE A DUSK WITHOUT DODGING THEM.
- 5970 I THINK THAT MULTIPLE PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE THE ONES THAT ALWAYS GET DRAWN FIRST FOR LICENSES SINCE THEY PUT IN THE YEARS OF APPLYING AND OFTEN HUNT DOES TO GET A TAG THAT THEY WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE ONCE IN AWHILE
- 5978 I HAVE CONCERN OVER THE "PURCHASE" OF PREFERENCE POINTS. I ASSUME THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF DEER APPLICANTS FALL INTO A LOWER THAN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME CATEGORY AND MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT "NEED" FOR VENISON. A PURCHASE POINTS SYSTEM FAVORS A POPULATION OF APPLICANTS THAT HAVE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THEM WHEREBY LOWER INCOME APPLICANTS OFTEN DO NOT HAVE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.
- 5982 I OWN 80 ACRES AND ON AN ACRE BASIS THE DEER EAT AS MUCH ON MY LAND AS THEY DO ON ANYONE ELSE'S. PERHAPS MORE AS I SEE MANY DEER AND MUCH DAMAGE ON MY CROP ACRES WHICH WE ALL KNOW DOESN'T HAPPEN ON JUST ANY PIECE OF LAND. YOU NEED THE RIGHT HABITAT TO ATTRACT ALL WILDLIFE AND THEN TO SEE THE NEIGHBOR SHOOT THE WILDLIFE YOU FEED AND HOUSE ALL YEAR IS FRUSTRATING

- 6008 I ONLY OWN 110 ACRES AND I CAN'T SEND IN FOR LANDOWNER.
- 6011 IN MY AREA OF THE NORTHERN BLACK HILLS WE DID NOT HAVE A DIE OFF OF THE WHITETAIL DEER, YET THE LICENSES WERE REDUCED. I STILL HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF DEER ON MY LAND.
- 6015 MY PARENTS ARE LANDOWNERS AND WOULD RATHER HAVE ME HUNT ON THEIR LAND THAN LET A STRANGER. MY FATHER IS VERY UPSET BY THE FACT THAT A RANDOM PERSON GETS A LICENSE TO HUNT IN A COUNTY THEY HAVE NO WHERE TO HUNT. HE HAS BEEN MAKING PAYMENTS ON LAND FOR 30 PLUS YEARS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS CHILDREN TO ENJOY THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE. SOME HUNTERS JUST EXPECT TO WALK UP TO A RANDOM FARM AND BE ABLE TO HUNT. THERE SHOULD BE A LANDOWNER/LANDOWNER FAMILY PREFERENCE TOO. THAT WAY THE LANDOWNER'S CAN SHARE THAT EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FAMILY ON A CONSISTENT BASIS. WE ARE THE ONES HELPING DURING HARVEST...NOT THE RANDOM HUNTER THAT DRAWS THE TAG!
- 6016 HAVE THE LANDOWNER TAG BE ONLY FOR ANTLERLESS ANIMALS AND IN ORDER TO GET A BUCK TAG THEY MUST APPLY IN THE GENERAL DRAW.
- 6018 I THINK YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB THRU THE YEARS THE WEATHER WAS TOUGH LAST YEAR , I THINK WE SHOOT TOO MANY WITH DEPREDAATION LOOK AT THE NUMBERS OF DEER THAT COULD BE TAKEN DURING THE SEASON BUT SOME MONEY HUNGRY LANDOWNER WON'T LET YOU IN , I LOVE TO BUCK HUNT BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY I WANT THE MEAT FOR THE FREEZER , MAYBE WE LET TOO MANY OUT OF STATERS IN?? MAYBE , I THINK MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO STOP THE KILLS WITH VEHICLES SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT AWARE OF DEER IN THE ROAD DITCHES, THE NUMBER WE LOSE IF YOU MULTIPLE THE LOST FAWNS NEXT YEAR AND OVER THE YEARS IS A LOT. HOW DO WE EDUCATE DRIVERS? I THINK WE NEED TO DO BETTER IN HIGH RISK SPOTS OF ALERTING PEOPLE MAYBE SOLAR POWERED SIGNS THAT BLINK TO ALERT DRIVERS LIKE IN YELLOWSTONE PARK THEY HAVE THEM FOR BUFFALO ON THE ROAD TO WEST YELLOWSTONE. THEN SOME HUNTERS ARE SLOBS SHOOT AT ANYTHING. I WAS RAISED TO PLACE MY SHOT DON'T TAKE A RUNNING SHOT IT MAKES FIELD DRESSING A LOT EASIER ALSO, AND TRACK A DEER. MY DAD TAUGHT ME THOSE VALUES. ALSO HUNTER SAFETY COURSE BACK IN 1973, I THINK I WENT THRU IT . BUT TO MANY THUGS PLAYING HUNTER AND HAVE NO ETHICS MAYBE A CAMPAIGN BY GFP TO WAKE UP THOSE PEOPLE . THANKS FOR DOING A DIFFICULT JOB YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO .
- 6020 [alternative allocations] CONFUSING QUESTION BECAUSE I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AMOUNT OF SEASONS AND APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE TAGS FOR DIFFERENT SEASONS.
- 6025 I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO PURCHASE A BLACK HILLS BUCK TAG AT CONVENIENCE AND OTHER STORES RATHER THAN THE APP PROCESS.
- 6034 WHY DID YOU NOT ASK A QUESTION ABOUT PAYING FOR A PREFERENCE POINTS? I WOULD BE WILLING TO BET ALMOST EVERYONE WOULD OPPOSE TO

THE NEW FEE FOR PREFERENCE POINTS. YOU ARE CHARGING ADDITIONAL MONEY TO INCREASE PEOPLES' CHANCES ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM. IF GAME FISH AND PARKS NEEDS MORE MONEY RAISE THE FEES. CHARGING FEES FOR PREFERENCE POINTS IS WRONG IN EVERY WAY.

- 6046 LANDOWNERS SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY MORE RIGHTS THAN ANYBODY ELSE THEY LIVE OFF GOVT. PROGRAMS THAT WE PAY FOR!!!!
- 6056 I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT A PERSON IS GUARANTEED A LANDOWNER BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR IN THE BH UNIT AND IS ABLE TO HUNT THE WHOLE UNIT. IT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THEIR OWN PROPERTY, OTHERWISE GET PUT IN THE LOTTERY JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.
- 6058 LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCES OVER NON-LANDOWNERS INCLUDING OUT OF TOWNERS
- 6068 I WOULD BET MOST APPLICANTS DON'T KNOW THIS IS GOING ON. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DEER TAGS, BUT REALLY BOTHERS ME. BLACK HILLS ELK TAGS. SOME PEOPLE WAIT 20 PLUS YEARS TO DRAW A TAG FOR SOME IT WILL BE ONCE IN A LIFETIME FOR ARCHERY OR RIFLE. THEN WE HAVE LANDOWNERS WHO CLAIM DEPREDAATION IT'S EASY TO GET A TAG. I HAVE FRIENDS THAT WORK FOR THE US FOREST SERVICE PLUS SOME CO'S IN AND OUT OF THE BLACK HILLS DISTRICT THAT TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON. I WOULD THINK THAT A COW TAG, NOT AN ANY ELK WOULD BE FAIR NOT ANY ELK I COULD NAME NAMES OF PEOPLE THAT HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THE MINIMUM 160 JUST TO GET AN ELK TAG EVERY YEAR, THIS IS BS. BACK TO THE DEER I HAVE A FRIEND THAT FARMS ON THE SIDE, NOT HIS MAIN INCOME. 2 TIMES HE TOLD THAT HE DIDN'T GET A LANDOWNER TAG IN MINNEHAHA. HE SAID IT DIDN'T MATTER, BECAUSE HE COMPLAINED ABOUT NOT DRAWING. THEY GAVE HIM A TAG BOTH TIMES. THE SAD PART IS HIS LAND HAS NO HABITAT FOR ANYTHING. HE HUNTS ON THE NEIGHBORS MORE. BS.
- 6076 WE LIVE IN THE BLACK HILLS AND HAVE MULE DEER IN OUR YARD DURING DEER SEASON AND NO WHITETAILS. MY HUSBAND ONLY APPLIES FOR THE MULE DEER LICENSE AND CAN'T DRAW ONE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE 3 OR 4 LICENSES IN A YEAR AND WE CAN'T GET A LICENSE WE CAN USE IN OUR AREA. WE MUST LEAVE THE AREA TO HUNT OR DO WITHOUT. WE NEED A CHANGE IN HOW THE DRAW'S HELD.
- 6081 I BELIEVE THE LANDOWNER RULE STATING YOU MUST OWN 160 ACRES AND ACTIVELY FARM THE LAND IS UNFAIR. I OWN 135 ACRES OF LAND, HALF IS IN CRP AND THE REST IS RENTED TO NEIGHBOR, HOWEVER I AM UNABLE TO GET A LANDOWNER LICENSE EVEN THOUGH I PAY SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REAL ESTATE TAXES PLUS PROVIDE VALUABLE HABITAT FOR DEER THRU CRP AND CROPS GROWN THAT THEY FEED ON. I THINK THE RULE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO OWNING OR OPERATING 80 ACRES OR MORE OR YOU ARE YOU ELIGIBLE IF YOU HAVE LAND IN THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM DUE TO THE WILDLIFE BENEFITS YOU PROVIDE WILDLIFE THRU THE CRP PROGRAM
- 6089 SERIOUSLY, RIFLE HUNTERS GOT THEIR TAGS CUT AND YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO THROW BOWHUNTERS WHOSE SUCCESS RATE IS SO LOW IN THE

MIX!! WE ALL GOT THE TAGS CUT BACK AND THAT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION. IS THERE ANYONE WHO COULD ARGUE THE QUALITY OF THE HUNT IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT AND AS SUCH SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY.

- 6093 I WISH SDGFP....WOULD SURVEY ALL AREAS OF UNITS, AS MY UNIT IS FULL OF MULEYS THAT NEED TO BE CONTAINED AND WAS NOT ABLE TO DRAW AN ANY DEER (WHICH ANYONE CAN EASILY GET THE PREVIOUS DOUBLE TAG "1 ANY DEER + ANY DOE") AND NOW MY SON AND I HAD TO GO TO THE SECOND DRAW FOR A DOUBLE WHITETAIL.....GUESS WHAT? THEY ARE SLIM PICKINGS (SO WE ARE DIMINISHING THE NOT SO HARDY WHITETAILS..?). I DO WISH WE COULD RESTRICT TRAVEL/SHOOTING IN THE HILLS (IN RELATION TO HOUSING...LIKE OUR SAFETY ZONE IS ROUGHLY 200 YARDS, IT'S NOT HAPPENING, SO I BELIEVE 400 YARDS IS SAFER...WE ALL KNOW KIDS/PEOPLE ARE VALUED ASSETS AND I'VE PERSONALLY HEARD MUCH RICOCHET) BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY IDIOTS WHO THINK THEY CAN STOP AND SHOOT/RIDE...THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE. NO MATTER WHAT I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE CONSERVATION EFFORTS THAT THE GFP HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO HUNT IN THIS GREAT STATE!!
- 6102 RESIDENTS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND ARE BEING LEFT OUT. WE ARE SELLING OUR STATE HUNTING TO THE HIGH BIDDERS. TOURISM AND GFP SHOULD NOT BE IN BED TOGETHER. ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD RECEIVE DESIRED LICENSES BEFORE ANY NONRESIDENT ONES ARE SOLD. OPEN RESIDENT ONLY HUNTING BEFORE THE REGULAR SEASON OPENS (LIKE THE PHEASANT SEASONS)
- 6104 THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS NOW WORKS OKAY FOR ME.
- 6109 GET RID OF SPECIAL BUCK AND THROW THEM IN THE POOL OF LANDOWNER DRAW. AND MOVE RIFLE SEASON TO AFTER THE RUT. THAT WILL INCREASE BUCK NUMBERS IN THE FUTURE. LOOK AT THE OTHER STATES' SUCCESS WITH THIS
- 6121 I DID NOT ANSWER Q4 BECAUSE: THE ALLOCATION PROCESS IS VERY FAIR IN THE SENSE THAT SD RESIDENTS HAVE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY FOR VARIOUS SEASONS. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT CHANGE TO CHARGING \$5 FOR PREFERENCE POINT SEEMS LIKE A VERY "CHEAP" ATTACK AGAINST FAITHFUL SPORTSMEN. CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR, LOSE ON THIS CHANGE. I STRONGLY HOLD THAT PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATE FROM THE LOTTERY PROCESS.
- 6123 AS AN AVID ARCHER I'M CONCERNED THAT OUR SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER POPULATION WILL NOT BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED. ALSO CONSIDERING OUR SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATE OF SUCCESS THE IMPACT TO BUCKS HARVESTED IN RATIOS TO GUN HUNTS NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAW A LICENSE IN ALL UNITS AND THERE ARE ALREADY PLENTY OF HUNTERS PURSUING GAME FOR THE FIREARM SEASONS. THERE ARE DEPREDATION TAG OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR LANDOWNERS TO MANAGE HERDS. THAT BEING SAID WHY NOT FREE UP 25% OF THE AVAILABLE TAGS TO THE NON-LANDOWNER PUBLIC BY INCREASING THE ACREAGE REQUIREMENT TO ONE FULL SECTION OF LAND OR MORE.

- 6127 TOO OFTEN I SEE EAST RIVER HUNTERS WITH BLACK HILLS BUCK TAGS WHO ONLY COME OUT AND HUNT ONE OR TWO WEEKENDS AND FOLKS LIKE MYSELF OUT HERE WHO COULD HUNT MOST DAYS OF THE SEASON UNABLE TO GET TAGS. THERE SHOULD BE SPECIAL TAGS FOR THOSE WHO CAN ONLY HUNT A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF DAYS AND LEAVE THE 30 DAY TAGS FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN THE AREA. THE SAME COULD HOLD FOR EAST RIVER TAGS AS WELL. ALSO, LANDOWNER PERMITS SHOULD ALL BE ONLY FOR LAND THEY OWN OR CONTROL AND NO OTHER AREAS. SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR ELK. THANKS FOR DOING THIS SURVEY.
- 6129 I LOVE TO BOW HUNT AND AM VERY HAPPY WITH CURRENT BOW TAG ISSUANCE BUT DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET A MUZZELOADER TAG ALSO WITHOUT LOTTERY DRAW I'M NOT A BIG TROPHY HUNTER SO HOW ABOUT HAVING DOE ONLY TAG FOR MUZZELOADER VALID FOR ANY COUNTY FOR AS NOW VERY FEW SPOTS TO HUNT WHERE I LIVE FOR SUCH A TAG FAR AS YOUR MAP GOES. OR GET RID OF RIFFLE AND GO TO SHOTGUN AND MUZZELOADER FOR FIREARMS WITH NO DRAW FOR DOE ONLY. JUST A THOUGHT THANKS
- 6150 GFP - YOU ARE SELLING WAY TOO MANY LICENSES ON THE PRAIRIE FOR DEER.
- 6152 I SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH THE WAY IT'S DONE PREVIOUSLY. APPARENTLY THE PEOPLE COMPLAINING DON'T ARCHERY HUNT OR THEY WOULD HAVE A BUCK TAG, NOT MY FAULT. I DON'T GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR FOR A RIFLE SEASON, ONE BIG REASON I ARCHERY HUNT. THE MINIMUM ACRES FOR LANDOWNERS SHOULD MAYBE BE 3 QUARTERS, AND IT PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE 50%. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE THE ONES THAT SUFFER THE CROP DEPREDATION PROBLEMS SOME FARMS ARE MAYBE GETTING 6 TAGS WHILE I GET NONE. MAYBE THEY SHOULD JUST BE GIVEN A TAG TO HUNT THEIR OWN LAND AND IF THEY WANT TO HUNT THE UNIT THEY SHOULD APPLY LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. AND LAST I BELIEVE A LOT OF THE DEER HERD PROBLEM LIES IN THE FACT THAT GFP IS TOO SLOW TO REACT TO CHANGES IN OUR DEER HERD. DEER NUMBERS STARTED TO GO DOWN MORE THAN A FEW YEARS AGO YET YOU FOLKS SOLD THOUSANDS OF ANTLERLESS TAGS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A MONEY THING OR SOME HERD MANAGEMENT IDEA YOU FOLKS BOUGHT INTO BUT THAT AND ALONG WITH DEPREDATION AND DISEASE PROBLEMS GOT US WHERE WE ARE.
- 6157 LEAVE THIS SYSTEM ALONE!
- 6162 [landowner preference] SHOULD BE 80 ACRES. I THINK IT IS A GREAT IDEA TO HAVE DRAWINGS AT THE SAME TIME. THIS WILL GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO GET A TAG IN THEIR PREFERRED ZONE. IT WILL SLIGHTLY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CROSS STATE TRAVEL, BUT THERE ARE USUALLY SO MANY WEST RIVER TAGS AVAILABLE THAT PEOPLE WILL STILL PARTICIPATE IN 2ND AND 3RD DRAWS.
- 6177 I BELIEVE THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY A BLACK HILLS DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR. I ENJOY GETTING OUT AND HUNTING BUT DON'T CARE IF I SHOOT ONE OR NOT. I THINK IF A PERSON HAS FILLED HIS TAG OR NOT THEN

THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE OR SHE COULD APPLY AND RECEIVE A LICENSE FOR A FOUR POINT OR BETTER TAG. IF IT'S NOT FILLED THEN THE INDIVIDUAL COULD RECEIVE AN ANY WHITE TAIL DEER TAG THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

- 6182 LANDOWNER SHOULD BE GIVEN A LICENSE TO HUNT ONLY THEIR LAND THAT THEY OWN. THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO IN THE DRAW TO BUY A LICENSE TO HUNT OTHER LAND, THEREFORE, YOU WOULD 50% MORE LICENSES ALLOCATIONS THE FARMER/RANCHER SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH A FREE LICENSE AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH MORE LICENSES.
- 6191 I BELIEVE DEER LICENSES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER, BUT BE LIMITED TO ONE PER HUNTER PER YEAR, REGARDLESS OF SEASONS. I ALSO BELIEVE HUNTING SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN LARGER UNITS (I CAN'T HUNT CURRENTLY ON BOTH MY FRIEND'S LAND IN UNION COUNTY AND IN OPEN AREAS IN MY OWN (CLAY) COUNTY. HUNTING UNITS SHOULD BE LARGER THAN SINGLE COUNTIES.
- 6194 THE LANDOWNER CONCEPT IS BAFFLING. I HAVE 50 ACRES IN THE BH NEAR CUSTER. THE ELK HERDS (SOMETIMES AN ESTIMATED HUNDRED AT A TIME) AS WELL AS A CONSTANT FLOW OF DEER, EAT MY PASTURES, TEAR DOWN MY FENCES AND REDUCE MY HAY OUTPUT AND CATTLE GRAZING POTENTIAL. YET, I CANNOT QUALIFY FOR A LANDOWNER PERMIT. I HAVE NEIGHBORS WHO DRAW YEARLY AND ACTUALLY OWN NO LAND YET LEASE SEVERAL ACRES AND QUALIFY EVERY YEAR. THE INTERESTING THING IS THE LANDOWNER AND THE LESSEE BOTH SEEM TO QUALIFY USING THE SAME PIECES OF PROPERTY. I AM SURE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT GOES ON OFTEN AS IT SEEMS TO BE QUITE A JOKE AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS. I KNOW THIS WOULD BE HARD TO POLICE BUT WHY DO I NOT QUALIFY WHILE OTHERS ARE GRANTED AUTOMATIC PERMITS FOR THE SAME PIECE OF PROPERTY?
- 6195 THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO IMPROVE OUR CHANCES OF EVERYONE GETTING TO ENJOY OUR GREAT HUNTING. Q9 - SAYS IT ALL THAT WOULD BE FAIR FOR ALL HUNTERS- MAKE IT SO YOU CAN PICK YOUR 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE ON THE 1ST DRAW WITH RIFLE. LEAVE THE ARCHERY THE WAY IT IS! GIVE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO GET INTO HUNTING OR SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY.
- 6201 I DO NOT THINK THAT A QUOTA OF PREFERRED LICENSES SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE DEER SEASONS. THE SYSTEM IS NOT BROKE SO IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE FIXED. IF ANYTHING SHOULD CHANGE A TRUE TIERED PREFERENCE SYSTEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IF A HUNTER DOES NOT CHOOSE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES THAT SD HAS TO OFFER IT IS THEIR PREROGATIVE AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE NEXT HUNTER WHO DOES. SOUTH DAKOTA HAS A GOOD THING GOING WITH THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS HUNTERS AND SHOULD KEEP IT THAT WAY. THE GF&P SHOULD WORRY ABOUT MANAGING THE HERD POPULATION WITH CONTINUED ADJUSTMENT OF ALLOTTED TAGS PER UNIT AND BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR THE HERD TO RECOVER AS MOTHER NATURE ALWAYS DOES. WE AS A SOCIETY HAVE BECOME TOO IMPATIENT AND WANT EVERYTHING NOW, DO NOT HAVE A KNEE JERK REACTION TO A HIT IN THE DEER POPULATION AND CHANGE A SYSTEM THAT WORKS.

- 6203 WHEN LICENSES ARE REDUCED NO ONE SHOULD GET TWO UNTIL AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE HAVE ONE. IF SOMEONE GETS A BOW LICENSE THEY SHOULD MOVE DOWN THE LIST IN A FIREARM DRAW. ALSO THE ACREAGE REQUIREMENT FOR A LANDOWNER PERMIT SHOULD BE CUT IN HALF.
- 6204 I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO CHECK WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO IMPROVE THE DEER POPULATION. SD HAS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THIS YEAR, OFFERED TOO MANY DEER TAGS. LAST YEAR WAS COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS IN WEST RIVER. CUT DOWN ON TAG NUMBERS, ALLOW ONLY ONE BUCK TAG AND OFFER MANY LESS ANTLERLESS TAGS WOULD HELP.
- 6210 DON'T MONKEY WITH THE ARCHERY SEASON. SOME OF US NEED TO FEED OUR FAMILY WITH DEER. FIREARM SHOULD BE MORE SPREAD OUT SO MOST TO ALL HUNTERS MAY GET A TAG. P.S. I DON'T GO FOR BUCKS. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.
- 6218 I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DECIDE THE NUMBER OF DEER TAGS FOR EACH COUNTY. THERE ARE MORE DEER IN LINCOLN COUNTY THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF DEER TAGS WAS REDUCED. I DIDN'T SEE ONE DEAD DEER TWO YEARS AGO WHEN WE HAD THE EHD DISEASE. I KNOW FARMERS WHO ARE COMPLAINING THERE AREN'T ENOUGH DEER BEING HARVESTED. I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SOME LANDOWNERS CLOSE THEIR PROPERTY BECAUSE THEY ARE DISGUSTED WITH HOW GFP MANAGES BIG GAME POPULATIONS.
- 6223 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK YOU ARE DOING AND LET'S WORK TO GET THE DEER POPULATION BACK TO WHERE IT WAS IN THE RURAL AREAS, EVEN IF IT MEANS WE HAVE TO HAVE MULTIPLE YEARS WITH FEWER LICENSES. LET'S PROTECT THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- 6224 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 6232 I FEEL THAT SD NEEDS TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE PROCEDURES USED BY MN & IA. HAVING TO APPLY TO A LOTTERY DRAWING 2 MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE ACTUAL SEASON IS ASININE! GET OUT OF THE DARK AGES AND COME INTO THE PRESENT!
- 6233 I WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE LANDOWNER TAGS BE AT 25% OF THE TAGS AVAILABLE AND THEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME ABILITY TO RECEIVE PREFERENCE POINTS. OUR FAMILY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE ABILITY FOR NON-RESIDENTS TO GET A BUCK TAG. SEVERAL OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE TO WAIT 7 OR 8 YEARS FOR A BUCK TAG. THE INCREASED WEIGHT OF PREFERENCE POINTS WOULD HELP IN THAT SITUATION AS WELL. THE EAST/WEST RIVER TAG SYSTEM WORKS VERY WELL IN MY OPINION. FOR THE UNITS WE PUT IN FOR WE RARELY GET A BUCK TAG FOR BOTH EAST AND WEST RIVER IN THE SAME YEAR. WITH 50% OF THE TAGS GOING TO LANDOWNER PREFERENCE WE HAVE TO WAIT 3 OR FOUR YEARS TO GET A BUCK TAG EAST RIVER. MANY OF THE LANDOWNER TAGS ARE ABUSED BECAUSE COUSINS, GRANDKIDS ETC. GET TO USE THEM EVEN THOUGH THE REAL LANDOWNER DOESN'T HUNT HIMSELF. ACREAGE COULD GO UP TO 320

ACRES AS WELL. MOST FARMS ARE GETTING SIGNIFICANTLY BIGGER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GFP WANTS TO WORK WITH THE LANDOWNER TO KEEP A GOOD RELATIONSHIP BUT GAME ANIMALS SHOULD STILL BE A PUBLIC RESOURCE. WE ALSO DON'T LIKE LANDOWNERS GETTING DEPREDAATION PAYMENTS AND THEN LIMITING OR NOT ALLOWING HUNTERS ON THEIR PROPERTY. YES IT STILL HAPPENS!

6236 RESIDENT HUNTERS THAT WISH TO HUNT IN THE COUNTY THEY RESIDE IN SHOULD GET TO HUNT NO MATTER WHAT. LANDOWNERS SHOULD NOT GET A TAG JUST BECAUSE THEY OWN 160 OR MORE ACRES.

6239 THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF THINGS TO CONSIDER: HARVESTING TOO MANY DOES IN BLACK HILLS AND ON PRAIRIE UNITS; LANDOWNER ELK TAGS BULLS EVERY YEAR GETTING TOUGH TO HUNT IN SD ANY MORE PEOPLE WILL START TAKING THEIR MONEY TO OTHER STATES

6241 I THINK THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LANDOWNERS GET A LICENSE, BUT I THINK THAT THAT SHOULD BE TIED TO THEM LETTING OTHER PEOPLE HUNT ON THEIR LAND. I'M TIRED OF ASKING AND BEING TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO GET THEIR BIG BUCK. MOST OF THE LANDOWNERS ARE DONE HUNTING THE FIRST DAY OR TWO BUT STILL WON'T LET OTHERS HUNT. WE SPEND A LOT OF MONEY TO HUNT AND IF THEY WANT US TO QUIT HUNTING AND LET THEM FOOT THE BILL WE ARE GETTING CLOSE. ALSO I THINK THE NEW PROGRAM WHERE YOU CAN BUY PREFERENCE POINTS IS A JOKE. ANOTHER WAY FOR GFP TO MAKE MORE MONEY AND THE RICH HUNTER TO GUARANTEE A LICENSE AND THE WORKING PUBLIC TO BE DENIED EVEN WITH PREFERENCE POINTS. WE'VE HAD PREFERENCE POINTS AND STILL DON'T GET A LICENSE BUT FRIENDS WHO DON'T HAVE THEM GET THEIR LICENSE. DOES YOUR POINT SYSTEM WORK?

6251 MANY STATES HAVE GONE TO A 4 POINT (8 POINT TOTAL) OR BETTER TO EVEN TAKE A BUCK. THIS WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER TROPHY BUCK AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL NOT JUST BUY BUCK LICENSES IF THEY KNOW IT HAS TO BE A LARGER DEER. TOO MANY SMALL BUCKS GET SHOT EACH YEAR. JUST BECAUSE IT IS A BUCK.

6260 THERE SHOULD BE A 4 POINT OR BETTER MULE DEER AND 2 POINT OR BETTER RESTRICTION IN THE BLACK HILLS. YOU ARE KILLING WAY TOO MANY DOES!!

6269 DUE TO MY JOB, I AM RESTRICTED AS TO TIMES TO HUNT. ARCHERY OFFERS A LONG SEASON THAT AFFORDS ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT. I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HUNT A TWO WEEK SEASON EVEN IF I HAVE A TAG. PLEASE LOOK AT THE OHIO MODEL WHERE YOU HAVE A LONG SEASON W/MULTIPLE WEAPON OPTIONS.

6274 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER & ARCHERY

6296 THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD ONLY BE VALID ON THE LAND THEY ARE CLAIMING AND NOT EVERYWHERE ELSE.

- 6311 WE OWN A 22 ACRE FARM AND WE CANNOT APPLY FOR A BUCK OR ANY DEER LICENSE. THIS IS UNFAIR TO LANDOWNERS LIKE US. WE FEEL AS LANDOWNERS AND AVID HUNTERS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT ON OUR OWN PROPERTY LAWFULLY. ANY HELP IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
- 6313 HAVE A FAMILY TAG WERE MORE THEN ONE MEMBER OF A FAMILY CAN CARRY A GUN BUT ONLY ALLOW ONE DEER PER TAG
- 6314 DON'T AGREE WITH BUYING PREFERENCE POINTS.
- 6327 ALLOW LICENSE HOLDERS TO SHOT AND FILL TAGS OF OTHER LICENSE HOLDERS WHO ARE HUNTING TOGETHER IN THE SAME PARTY.
- 6330 I AM LANDOWNER WHICH OWNS 137 ACRES FROM 550 ACRES SPLIT INTO 4 CHILDREN. STILL I DON'T QUALIFY FOR 160 ACRES LANDOWNER. I DON'T GET DEER LICENSE EVERY YEAR. I LIVE IN PIERPONT, I HAVE MANY RELATIVES WHO OWN LAND FROM FARMING BUT I CAN'T HUNT WITH COUSINS, UNCLES, ETC. DUE TO DRAWING SYSTEM. I FIND IT IRONIC, IN SOME YEARS I CAN'T HUNT WITH RELATIVES BUT SEE ROAD HUNTERS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HUNTING AND CONTINUE TO DO ROAD HUNTING. LOT OF SPORTSMAN CLUB OR ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT FAMILY HUNT TOGETHER. TEACH CHILDREN AND WOMEN INTO HUNTING. I STRONGLY AGREE WITH IT WHERE I GREW UP FROM BUT DRAWING SYSTEM PREVENT FROM THAT. COUSINS (GIRL OR BOY) COULD HUNT TOGETHER EVERY YEAR BUT NOT WITH SD DRAWING SYSTEM. UNDERSTAND SF POPULATION AS WELL AS OTHER BIG CITIES HAVE HUNTERS TOO. THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH ACCESS TO HUNT ON BUT GFP STILL "LISTENS" AND DEPEND ON THEIR OPINION, COULD HURT THE VOTE OR SURVEY BECAUSE OF COUNT LOT MORE HUNTERS FROM CITIES. I WOULD LOVE TO TRY MUZZLELOADER BUT FAIL 2 OR 3 YEARS SO I GIVE UP. I DO LOVE ARCHERY BUT LIMIT TO 1 TAG VERSUS FIREARM THEY CAN GET MORE THEN 1 TAG TO SHOOT FEW DEER WITH RIFLE. (OTHER OPTION IF I FAIL DRAWING FOR RIFLE SEASON SHOULD GIVE OTHER LICENSE TO BOWHUNTER). FOR ROAD HUNTER OR BIG CITIES SHOULD BALANCE THEIR SEASON CHOICE CAN'T GIVE THEM TOO MUCH CHOICE, VERSE LANDOWNER. WE STAY AND HUNT ON OUR FAMILY FARM AND NEIGHBOR. WE AS COUSINS, NEPHEW, NIECE WHO HELP FAMILY IN FARM AND STILL CAN'T HUNT BASED ON DRAWING SYSTEM. I WOULD LIKE TO RELIABLE ON DEER MEAT TO FILL OUT IN FREEZER. WE DON'T HAVE LUXURY LIFE AS CITY HUNTER. MY OPINION RELATIVES WHO RAISE ON FARM/SMALL TOWN TO GET FIRST PREFERENCE WHO HAVE SOME LAND – LESS THAN 160 ACRES OR HAVE ACCESS TO HUNT ON RELATIVES FARM TO KEEP "FAMILY TRADITION" TO HUNT TOGETHER AS FAMILY INCLUDED YOUNG KIDS AND WOMAN TO LESS THE ROAD HUNTERS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS LAND TO HUNT ON. WE GROW UP FROM HERE FROM FAMILY FARMSTEAD. FAMILY STEAD FARM OUR GREAT GRANDPA AND UNCLES. WE GROWING UP ON SAME LAND/AREA! I AM PAYING TAXES FOR LAND, BUT NO LICENSE! GFP SHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH LANDOWNER. LOT OF US KNOW IF THERE ARE LOT OR LOWER NUMBERS OF DEER. DON'T LET NUMBERS OF VOTE OR SURVEY FOOL YOU BASED ON LOWER NUMBERS OF LANDOWNER/HUNTER VERSUS CITY HUNTER.

- 6334 THE PROBLEM WITH THE DEER POPULATION IS LACK OF HABITAT PRIMARILY. NEED MORE INCENTIVES FOR FARMERS TO LEAVE COVER OR PLANT CRP OR LEAVE CORN IN OVER WINTER. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I SEE EAST RIVER. MAYBE NOW WITH LOWER CORN PRICES AND HIGHER EXPENSES MORE LAND WILL BE LEFT FOR WILDLIFE, I FOR ONE HOPE SO REALLY MISS CRP PROGRAM. THOUGH I ARCHERY AND RIFLE HUNT VERY SELDOM DO I SHOOT AN ARCHERY DEER, HAVEN'T GOT ONE SINCE 2010, NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE OPPORTUNITIES JUST DON'T WANT TO SHOOT YOUNG DEER.
- 6335 DO NOT PENALIZE OR LIMIT ARCHERS IN THE APPLICATION OF FIREARMS LICENSES. ENCOURAGE MORE ARCHERS AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT.
- 6343 I AM CONCERNED THAT THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IS ALLOWING LANDOWNERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT YET NEVER ALLOW ANY OTHER HUNTERS ON THEIR PROPERTY. CATERING TO THE LANDOWNERS THAT OFFER NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR HUNTING OUTSIDE THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS WRONG. I REALIZE IT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT THESE SAME LANDOWNERS WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT DEPREDAATION USUALLY ARE THE SAME ONES THAT DON'T ALLOW HUNTING ON THEIR PROPERTY. I BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE YOU SHOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HUNTERS THAT COME ON YOUR LAND. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO ACCESSES THE PROPERTY. THEN UPON PROPER VERIFICATION OF HUNTER ACCESS TO THEIR PROPERTY ALLOW THEM LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. I AM REALLY TIRED OF MY MONEY GOING TO LANDOWNERS THAT PROVIDE NOTHING FOR HUNTING ACCESS OR WALK IN AREAS THAT ARE SO BARE THAT NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY EXIST. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE WITH PREFERENCE POINTS WITH SEVERAL YEARS DEER TO BE THE FIRST TO DRAW TAGS. I USE THE EXAMPLE OF ELK HUNTERS WHO HAVE 16 YEARS OF PREFERENCE POINTS COMPETING IN A POOL OF 1ST TIME APPLICANTS. I REALLY BELIEVE IF I HAVE 2 YEARS PREFERENCE POINTS AND SOMEONE ELSE HAS 16 THEY SHOULD BE ISSUED A TAG. IT IS WRONG THAT A 1ST TIME APPLICANT GETS A TAG OVER SOMEONE THAT HAS APPLIED FOR YEARS. I REALLY HATE SEEING THIS HAPPEN. FURTHERMORE WHAT IS THE POINT OF A PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM THAT REALLY DOES NOT REWARD TAGS FAIRLY? I PAY FOR THESE PREFERENCE POINTS AND WATCH OTHERS GET TAGS THAT HAVE LESS YEARS OF PREFERENCE THAN I DO. REALLY NOT FAIR. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!
- 6344 WHY SHOULD ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE PREFERENCE OVER RIFLE HUNTERS? BOW HUNTERS SHOULD NOT BE GUARANTEED A LICENSE EVERY YEAR AND HAVE PREFERENCE OVER RIFLE HUNTERS. IT SHOULD BE YOU CAN KILL A DEER AND YOU CHOSE YOUR OWN WEAPON. BOW OR GUN THEN IF MORE DEER ARE NEEDED TO BE HARVESTED THEN FIRST COME BASIS TO COVER DEER NEEDED HARVESTED. MY HUSBAND HAS ONLY HAD 1 LICENSE IN 7 YEARS. HE TALKED TO A MAN FROM CA WHO COMES TO BLACK HILLS EVERY YEAR DEER HUNTING. HE SAID HE HAS NOT MISSED A YEAR IN 10 YEARS. YET MY HUSBAND HAS LIVED IN THIS STATE HIS WHOLE LIFE AND CAN'T GET A LICENSE HE HUNTS WITH RIFLE. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. HE DID DRAW FINALLY THIS YEAR FOR RIFLE DEER IN HILLS. WE OWN LAND IN THE BLACK HILLS AND HAVE DEER ON OUR PROPERTY EVERY DAY. PRETTY UPSETTING.

- 6355 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 6357 I ONLY SEND IN FOR ONE COUNTY AND AVERAGE ABOUT 1 LICENSE EVERY 3 YEARS. I THINK THE SYSTEM IN PLACE WORKS GOOD. BUT I DON'T THINK ANYONE NEEDS MORE THAN 2 DEER TAGS IN A YEAR AND THEIR SHOULD BE NO BUCK TAGS TURNED INTO A DOE TAG BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SHOOT A DEER DURING THE REGULAR DEER SEASON. I HOPE THE STATE WILL KEEP THE ARCHERY TAGS THE SAME.
- 6366 THE IDEA OF CHANGING THE POLICY IS AN OVER-REACTION BASED ON A SINGLE YEAR IN WHICH THE DEER POPULATION IS DOWN. AS AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE STATE HAS DONE A GOOD JOB IN OVERALL DEER MANAGEMENT AND BUCK QUALITY. AS AN ARCHERY HUNTER I AM WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS AN OVER-THE COUNTER TAG AS IT SHOULD BE. BUT JUST BECAUSE I HAVE THE TAG IN HAND DOESN'T MEAN I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILL THE TAG. ARCHERY REQUIRES A LOT OF VARIABLES TO LINE UP IN ORDER TO EVEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST A BUCK (A FACT BACKED UP BY YOUR OWN NUMBERS). RIFLE HUNTING ON THE OTHER HAND I JUST NEED TO SEE A BUCK WITHIN A 300 YARD LINE OF SIGHT TO BE SUCCESSFUL.
- 6367 LANDOWNER LICENSES SHOULD STRICTLY BE ENFORCED TO ONLY THE LANDOWNERS' LAND, MOST HUNT ANYWHERE IN THE UNIT THAT THEIR LAND HAPPENS TO BE IN.
- 6374 I THINK YOU NEED TO STOP HARVESTING DOES FOR A FEW YEARS. DEER ARE GETTING WAY DOWN IN NUMBERS AROUND HERE. YOU DON'T SHOOT HEN PHEASANTS OR THE PHEASANT NUMBERS WOULD DROP. SO THE SAME WITH DOES FOR A WHILE SO WE HAVE PLENTY OF DEER TO HARVEST IN THE FUTURE!
- 6391 I DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF PURCHASING PREFERENCE POINTS.
- 6393 BUCKS JUST AREN'T THAT GOOD TO EAT. ON A % BASIS THAT'S [50% landowner preference] PROBABLY ABOUT RIGHT. JUST NEEDS TO BE MORE TAGS SOLD OVERALL! WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF MULE DEER IN BUTTE COUNTY BUT I ENDED UP WITH A WHITETAIL TAG. I UNDERSTAND WANTING TO KEEP THE DEER DENSITIES HIGH SO YOU CAN BETTER ENSURE HUNTER SUCCESS (HIGHER SUCCESS RATES) BUT I DO WISH A GOOD SURVEY FOR BOTH MULIES AND WHITETAILS OUT HERE WOULD BE DONE. I FEEL QUITE CONFIDENT IT WOULD SUPPORT ISSUING MORE MULE DEER TAGS. FURTHER, THE IDEA THAT ANY RESIDENTS ARE FAILING TO GET A DEER TAG WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY DEER IS A LITTLE APPALLING.
- 6401 I BELIEVE SPACING OUT THE DRAWINGS WOULD HELP SIGNIFICANTLY FOR EXAMPLE HAD I KNOWN THIS YEAR AND LAST I WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL WITH MY EAST RIVER DRAW I WOULD NOT HAVE APPLIED FOR THE REFUGE DEER. ALSO THIS YEAR I GOT A BLACK HILLS TAG THAT I WOULD HAVE HELD OFF APPLYING FOR.

- 6402 COMPLETELY DO AWAY WITH LANDOWNER PREFERENCE. WHAT DOES OWNING LAND HAVE TO DO WITH HUNTING? IT'S OUTRAGEOUS AND COMPLETELY UNFAIR TO THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL NEVER OWN 160 ACRES. THEY ALREADY RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF OWNING LAND, THEN YOU GIVE THEM EVEN MORE BENEFITS BY SOMEHOW ADDING HUNTING PREFERENCE TO THAT LIST. THIS IS EVEN MORE OUTRAGEOUS WHEN TALKING ABOUT ELK HUNTING. A LANDOWNER CAN HUNT ELK YEAR AFTER YEAR WHEREAS MOST RESIDENTS WILL BE LUCKY TO DRAW MORE THAN ONE TAG IN THEIR ENTIRE LIFE, AND EVEN THAT FIRST TAG CAN TAKE DECADES. I'M COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF LIMITING ELK LICENSES TO RESIDENTS ONLY AND FEEL THAT POLICY SHOULD BE APPLIED TO DEER HUNTING AS WELL IN A MODIFIED FORMAT. ALL RESIDENT APPLICANTS FOR A DEER LICENSE SHOULD DRAW BEFORE EVEN ONE SINGLE OUT OF STATE APPLICANT DRAWS. YOU'RE NOT TAKING VERY GOOD CARE OF HUNTERS IN THIS STATE AND I'M NOT VERY PLEASED WITH HAVING TO LEAVE THE STATE TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT.
- 6404 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE DEER HERD. TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT WHERE DEER ARE BEING HARVESTED. I AGREE WITH LIMITING BUCK TAGS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. SEVERAL HUNTERS INCLUDING MYSELF DO NOT FILL ALL OR ANY TAGS IN A GIVEN YEAR.
- 6412 I REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF PICKING A SEASON FIRST DRAW, SUCH AS EAST, WEST, BLACK HILLS, MUZZLE LOADER AND SUCH, BUT YOU NEED TO GET THE CSP OUT OF THERE. THAT NEEDS TO BE KEPT SEPARATE. OTHERWISE, THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA.
- 6413 I'M IN FAVOR OF MORE HUNTERS RECEIVING ONE TAG, THAN FEWER HUNTERS RECEIVING MULTIPLE TAGS.
- 6414 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE PICKING ON THE BOWHUNTERS. IT IS BY FAR MORE CHALLENGING TO HARVEST A BUCK WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT. IT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS MISTAKE TO LIMIT ANYTHING RELATED TO ARCHERY BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH MORE CHALLENGING AND TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND COMMITMENT!!
- 6419 I'M A DISABLED VETERAN AND I CAN'T PULL A BOW ANY LONGER THIS LIMITS MY ABILITY TO HUNT ARCHERY AS I CAN'T WALK EITHER DUE TO MY LUNGS. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR SINCE 1960 THAT I NEVER RECEIVED ANY BIG GAME TAG AT ALL, THE ONLY YEAR I NEVER HUNTED WAS WHEN I WAS IN VIETNAM. ANYTHING THE GFP CAN DO TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO HUNT WOULD GET MY VOTE. I KNOW THAT A LOT PEOPLE ARE UPSET THAT THEY DIDN'T GET A TAG THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ASKING MY OPINION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING. I HOPE SOMETHING CAN BE DONE FOR US HUNTERS.
- 6420 THE ALLOCATION PROCESS IS "VERY" UNFAIR TO THOSE THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER STATUS. REVIEWING PAST DRAW RESULTS, THERE WERE "FEW" TAGS LEFT OVER FOR NON-LANDOWNER. HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE RIFLE TAGS AS LANDOWNERS...PERIOD. AGAIN THE SYSTEM IS VERY UNFAIR TO US WITHOUT LANDOWNER STATUS. IN FACT, TWO YEARS AGO I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE I

DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE IN THE FIRST DRAW...HERE WERE "0(ZERO)" TAGS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AFTER LANDOWNERS AND THOSE WITH PREFERENCE POINTS WERE SUCCESSFUL. THIS HAS TO CHANGE OR PEOPLE WILL LOSE INTEREST. WHAT YOU SHOULD LIMIT IS YOUTH TAGS. I KNOW OF "NON-YOUTH" HUNTERS ACQUIRING THESE TAGS FOR THEIR 3 OR 4 CHILDREN AND TAKING DOES AND BUTTON BUCKS. THE SYSTEM NEEDS AN OVERHAUL WITH RESPECT TO MINIMUM ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS; A LANDOWNER SUCH AS ME WITH 40 ACRES SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO A TAG AS SOMEONE WITH 500 ACRES. I'VE SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS RESTORING WETLANDS ON MY PROPERTY. HAVE PLANTED OVER 500 TREES AND SHRUBS AND AM FAR MORE INVESTED IN RESTORING HABITAT THAN A FARMER THAT PUTS A BOX BLIND ON HIS 200 ACRE FIELD KNOWING HE IS VIRTUALLY GUARANTEED A TAG - NOT FAIR.

6427 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND ARCHERY

6428 DRAWING FOR DEER TAGS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FAIR. IT'S A LOTTERY SYSTEM. SOMETIMES YOU DON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT AND HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR. I DO LIKE BEING ABLE TO BUY PREFERENCE POINTS IF I KNOW I CAN'T GET THE TIME OFF OF WORK THAT YEAR. IF SOMEONE HAS PUT IN THE TIME TO APPLY FOR THE TAG OR BUY PREFERENCE POINTS YEAR AFTER YEAR, THEY SHOULD BE REWARDED BEFORE SOMEONE THAT JUST APPLIES ON A WHIM.

6432 IF A LANDOWNER HUNTS ANYTHING OTHER THAN HIS OWN LAND HE SHOULD HAVE NO ADVANTAGE OVER ANY ONE ELSE!

6436 EVERY SD RESIDENT SHOULD BE GUARANTEED AN ANY DEER LICENSE EVERY OTHER YEAR.

6437 CHARGING FOR PREFERENCE POINTS TO THOSE WHO ARE UNSUCCESSFUL RATHER THAN GIVING IT TO THEM FOR THE NEXT YEAR IS NOT MAKING IT FAIRER FOR HUNTERS. IT IS A MONEY GRABBING SCAM THAT BENEFITS THOSE WILLING TO SPEND MORE MONEY RATHER THAN PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL HUNTERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT DUE TO MANY CIRCUMSTANCES THE NUMBER OF TAGS ISSUED WERE DRASTICALLY REDUCED THIS YEAR, BUT I DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS TACTIC TO MAKE UP YOUR LOST REVENUE.

6438 ANY ONE WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE A BUCK TAG THIS YEAR SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF FIRST CHANCE NEXT YEAR. I AM TIRED OF NOT RECEIVING A RIGHT TO HUNT IN MY OWN AREA WHERE I LIVE.

6441 THE DEER TAGS HAVE GOTTEN TOO HIGH IN PRICE. MY COUSIN CAN GET AN ELK TAG IN THEIR STATE FOR WHAT WE PAY FOR A DEER TAG. I'VE HUNTED SMALL GAME FOR 45 YEARS THIS YEAR I DIDN'T GET A SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE THEY RAISED TO \$55. THAT MADE ME QUITE UNWILLING SO THEY COULD GET INSURANCE, THEN THEY SAID BIRDS ARE UP 67%. WHAT A LICENSE TO GET IN OUT OF STATE GUYS. I HAVEN'T SEEN A BIRD IN DAVISON COUNTY ALL FALL. I DRIVE 13 MILES TO WORK ONE WAY. MY KIDS DIDN'T GET A LICENSE OR MY GRANDKIDS. THEY GOT PUSHED OUT!

- 6447 IF YOU LIVE IN THE COUNTY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR, YOU SHOULD GET PREFERENCE OVER THOSE THAT DO NOT, THAT'S WHY WE LIVE HERE AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY.
- 6452 GIVEN THE FACT THAT 50% OF THE LICENSES WERE SET ASIDE FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE, AND ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF LANDOWNERS USED THIS OPTION, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DO THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE DRAWING FIRST, OR IN A SEPARATE DRAWING? THEN ANY LEFTOVER TAG COULD BE UTILIZED IN THE 1ST DRAWING FOR NON-LANDOWNERS. I KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE DENIED THEIR FIRST CHOICE, BUT THEN WHEN VIEWING THE LEFTOVER TAGS, THERE WERE LEFTOVERS WHICH WERE THEIR 1ST CHOICE, AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. WITH RESPECT TO ONLY 1 BUCK PER LICENSEE, I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO A ONE BUCK PER PERSON OPTION. I HAVE HAD AN ARCHERY LICENSE FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS, AND TYPICALLY BOUGHT THE EXTRA DOE TAGS, BUT HAVE NEVER HARVESTED AN ANIMAL OF ANY SEX. I LOOKED AT IT AS MORE OF A DONATION, AND OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THE OUTDOORS; HOWEVER, IF THE REGULATIONS CHANGE, AND THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED MY 1 OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST A BUCK, I WILL NOT BE PURCHASING ANY ARCHERY TAGS IN THE FUTURE. ADDITIONALLY, I KNOW OF MANY ARCHERS THAT SET OUT WITH THE INTENTION OF HARVESTING A BUCK, BUT DON'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY, AND EVENTUALLY HARVEST A DOE. JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS AN ARCHERY TAG, THAT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL HARVEST A BUCK!
- 6461 THE PROBLEM WITH DEER TAGS. I KNOW WHERE THE DEER ARE. THEY'RE ON PRIVATE LAND LOOK AT ALL THE CORN AND BEANS WHERE DO YOU THINK THE DEER ARE. OR ARE GOING
- 6475 I HAVE DRAWN AN ARCHERY TAG THE LAST 30 YEARS, BUT HAVE ONLY SHOT 3 BUCKS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN APPLYING FOR EAST RIVER LICENSE SINCE 1994 AND HAVE ONLY DRAWN 4 LICENSES, THE LAST TWO TIMES I HAD SIX YEARS PREFERENCE POINTS. I THINK IF YOU DRAW 7 TAGS IN ONE YEAR THAT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MUCH.
- 6489 THE DRAW SHOULD BE SET UP SO YOU CAN DRAW A WEST RIVER TAG OR BLACK HILLS TAG NOT BOTH IN THE SAME YEAR.
- 6492 I HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WAS BEING DISCUSSED. I AM VERY AGAINST ANY SUCH THING. ESPECIALLY IF YOU THROW ARCHERY INTO THE MIX FOR LIMITING ANY CHANCE OF A RIFLE BUCK TAG. PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON HOW YOU PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. LEAVE ARCHERY OUT OF THE EQUATION AND I MAY BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH LIMITING TO ONE RIFE OR MUZZLELOADER BUCK TAG A YEAR.
- 6495 I LIVE ON 3 ACRES OUT OF HILL CITY AND HAVE NOT DRAWN A BLACK HILLS DEER TAG IN 3 YEARS. IT DOESN'T MAKE ME VERY HAPPY WHEN I HAVE TO TELL OUT OF STATE HUNTERS TO GET OFF MY POSTED LAND!
- 6498 I THINK IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS HOW HUNTING IS REGULATED. WHY IS IT THAT 20 YEARS AGO YOU COULD BUY TAGS OVER THE COUNTER AND STILL

HAVE PLENTY OF DEER. WHY IS IT THAT ONCE GFP STEPS IN AND TRIES TO MANAGE THAT THE DEER NUMBERS DECREASE. YOU CAN BLAME WEATHER AND DISEASE BUT THOSE THINGS HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO ALSO. HOW ABOUT THOSE MOUNTAIN LIONS? I CANNOT BELIEVE I HAVE TO WAIT 4 PLUS YEARS TO DRAW A DEER TAG IN THE AREA I LIVE AND DURING THE SEASON I SEE SO MANY EAST RIVER LICENSE PLATES. NOW YOU WANT ME TO PAY FOR A PREFERENCE POINT. DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN THE ARCHERY NUMBERS RISE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DRAW A RIFFLE TAG, BUT THEN AGAIN YOU WILL START TO REGULATE THAT ALSO.

- 6500 IN COMPARING CHARLES MIX CO TO BRULE COUNTY, CHARLES MIX HAD WAY TOO FEW LICENSES.
- 6504 I HEAR A LOT OF "STORIES" ABOUT HOW THE LANDOWNER RIGHTS GET ABUSED. PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY OWN CATTLE, BUT REALLY DON'T IN ORDER TO GET THE LANDOWNER/OPERATOR STATUS. A TRUE LANDOWNER - WITH DEED IN THEIR NAME - SHOULD GET A PREFERENCE. A PERSON WITH CATTLE WHO IS ON LAND THAT IS UNDER A CORPORATION SHOULD NOT. LAND HELD BY A CORPORATION SHOULD ALSO NOT GET PERSONAL LANDOWNER STATUS. I DON'T SEE HOW YOU SHOULD GET SOME THE BENEFITS BY FILING UNDER A CORPORATION AND THEN GET PERSONAL BENEFITS BY CLAIMING AN INDIVIDUAL IS ACTUALLY THE LANDOWNER UNDER THAT CORPORATION. THIS IS FAR TOO GRAY AND IS GETTING EXPLOITED. I DON'T BELIEVE ALL THE STORIES, BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM OUT THERE FOR THIS NOT TO BE HAPPENING.
- 6505 DEPENDS ON WHETHER PREFERENCE POINTS ARE PAID FOR. IF THEY'RE NOT, THEN THE MORE YOU HAVE SHOULD INCREASE YOUR CHANCES BECAUSE YOU'VE GONE THAT MANY YEARS WITH NO TAGS AT ALL.
- 6514 TOTALLY REMOVE THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE ALLOCATION AND JUST GIVE THE LANDOWNER (FOR A FEE OF COURSE) A TAG TO HARVEST AN ANIMAL ON THEIR PROPERTY ONLY. IF THE LANDOWNER QUALIFIED HUNTER WISHES TO HUNT OFF THEIR OWN PROPERTY THEN THEY MUST APPLY IN THE GENERAL DRAWING WITHOUT ANY PREFERENCE.
- 6515 HOW MANY FARMERS DON'T APPLY FOR A REGULAR LICENSE SO THEY CAN APPLY FOR A REDUCED PRICE LICENSE AND THEN HUNT LAND THEY HAVE IN ALL COUNTIES? THIS ALSO GIVES THE LANDOWNERS OVER THE 50% OF BUCK LICENSES. I'M NOT AGAINST GIVING THE FARMERS SOME PREFERENCES BUT MAYBE TAKE THE REDUCED FEE ONES INTO ACCOUNT WHEN SETTING THEIR 50% AND ALSO MAKE THEM APPLY IN THE FIRST DRAWING BEFORE THEY CAN GET THE REDUCED FEE LICENSE.
- 6519 DO NOT PUT IN PLACE A SYSTEM THAT COMBINES ARCHERY DEER APPLICATIONS WITH FIREARMS, AND MEANS THAT IF YOU GET AN ARCHERY TAG YOU CANNOT HUNT IN THE RIFLE SEASONS. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LANDOWNER TAGS AVAILABLE.
- 6524 I THINK IF A LANDOWNER GETS A LANDOWNER PERMIT IT SHOULD BE FOR ONLY THE LAND THEY OWN

- 6526 ALL BUCK OR ANY DEER TAGS SHOULD REQUIRE A 4 POINT OR BETTER REQUIREMENT GIVING YOUNG BUCKS A PASS ON THEIR FIRST BREEDING SEASON. RESULTS WOULD BE MANY MORE MATURE BUCKS IN JUST A FEW YEARS. MORE BIG BUCKS SHOULD RESULT IN BEING ABLE TO ISSUE MORE BUCK ONLY TAGS NOT AFFECTING THE DEER POPULATION BUT GIVING MORE HUNTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT FOR A QUALITY ANIMAL.
- 6530 NOTHING WAS MENTIONED ON OUT OF STATE LICENSE. WHY SHOULD OUT OF STATE HAVE AN OPTION? WE LIVE HERE AND PAY THE TAXES MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. WHY IS THERE A SPECIAL BUCK LICENSE AND WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE OF MUZZLELOADER? MAYBE THE STATE SHOULD TAKE OUT THE SPECIAL BUCK LICENSE, RAISE THE TAGS FOR BUCKS OR ANY DEER SO IT WEIGHS ITSELF OUT.
- 6533 I WISH WHEN APPLYING FOR MY 1ST PREFERENCE AND I DO NOT RECEIVE IT THAT IT DIDN'T PUT ME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE "LIST". I APPLIED FOR AN ANY DEER TAG THIS YEAR WITH 1 YEAR OF PREFERENCE AND PUT ANY WHITETAIL AND ANY ANTLERLESS WHITETAIL AS MY 2ND CHOICE. I GOT NEITHER WHILE MY FRIENDS WHO HAD NO PREFERENCE GOT THEIR ANY WHITETAIL AND ANY ANTLERLESS TAGS AS THEIR 1ST CHOICE.
- 6537 YEARS SUCH AS THIS YEAR WITH DEER NUMBERS DOWN I AM HAPPY TO SEE A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN PRAIRIE/HILLS PERMITS.
- 6539 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 6540 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR FOR DOE. EVERY 4 YEARS FOR BUCK
- 6549 [INCREASED CHANCES] THIS IS TOO STUPID TO ANSWER. [alternative allocations] I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS QUESTION. I HAVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS. ONE POINT OF EMPHASIS IS MY STUDIES WAS SURVEYS - HOW TO GET THE CORRECT RESPONSE. THIS IS SOUTH DAKOTA IF YOU WANT AN OPINION WHY DON'T YOU JUST ASK. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS AND GIVE YOU MY OPINION IF YOU ARE TRULY INTERESTED.
- 6558 1) ONE YOUTH TAG PER KID PER YEAR 2) ARE LANDOWNER TAGS REALLY BEING USED BY LANDOWNER OR ARE THEY BEING USED BY FAMILY MEMBER WHO WANTS TO SHOOT ANOTHER DEER? I HEAR TOO MANY STORIES ABOUT LANDOWNER PERMITS BEING USED BY RELATIVES AND NOT THE ACTUAL PERSON TO WHOM IT WAS ISSUED. 160 ACRES IS REALLY NOT THAT MUCH LAND TO HAVE TO ACQUIRE A LANDOWNER TAG. SOME GUYS PUT LAND IN THEIR CHILD'S NAME SO THEY QUALIFY FOR A LANDOWNER TAG AGAIN THIS IS NOT FAIR. 3) GET RID OF THE JANUARY DOE ONLY SEASON, I HAVE PERSONALLY SHOT DEER THAT LATE IN THE YEAR AND WHEN I APPROACHED THE DEER I SAW IT WAS A NICE MATURE BUCK THAT HAD ALREADY SHED ITS ANTLERS AND THAT IS ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH WHY WE HAVE A DECLINING BUCK POPULATION. GET RID OF LATE SEASON DOE ONLY!
- 6563 FAMILY OWNED LAND

- 6569 [expectation to draw] DEPENDS ON THE DEER POPULATION.
- 6570 SEEMS LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF MY FRIENDS QUALIFY FOR LANDOWNER EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE A COUPLE GENERATIONS REMOVED FROM FAMILY FARM - IS THERE A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF OWNER/OPERATORS AND THE NUMBER OF LICENSES APPLIED FOR?
- 6577 I HUNT IN MANY STATES. I WOULD SUGGEST YOU HAVE HUNTERS APPLY FOR A BUCK TAG (1). THEN LET THEM PURSUE THE BUCK HOWEVER THEY CHOOSE, ARCHERY, THEN RIFLE, THEN MUZZLELOADER. AS THE SEASONS OPEN. THAT WAY MORE HUNTERS RECEIVE A BUCK TAG EACH YEAR AND NO ONE RECEIVES MORE THAN 1. IF YOU APPLY FOR A BLACK HILLS TAG YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANOTHER ECT. A LOT SIMPLER AND A LOT FAIRER. CONTINUE TO GIVE LANDOWNERS A TAG. EVEN 50%. THANKS
- 6578 IF GETTING DEER PERMITS GETS HARDER, WE AS RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO LOSE OUR HUNTING... THERE IS GOING TO BE A VOID CREATED AND OUR HUNTING IN SD WILL BECOME LIKE MT AND WY WHERE MONEY IS KING. MOST PEOPLE OF SD WANT TO HUNT AND IF WE ARE ONLY ALLOCATED 1BUCK TAG THAT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY WHERE NON-RESIDENTS PERMITS WILL BECOME MORE AND RESIDENT HUNTING BECOME LESS. WE NEED TO HAVE HUNTERS IN SD CREATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH RANCHERS/FARMERS. LANDOWNERS KNOW THAT PEOPLE WILL PAY TO HUNT AND RESIDENTS NEED TO MAKE A BETTER EFFORT IN CREATING RELATIONSHIPS AND STEWARDSHIP. IT IS ONE THING TO GET A TAG, BUT HUNTERS NEED TO GET OUT AND CREATE THESE RELATIONSHIPS SO THEY CAN HUNT AND NOT CREATE PROBLEMS WITH LANDOWNERS RESULTING IN LAND LOCKOUTS AND OUTFITTERS.
- 6581 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IS RIDICULOUS. YOU LET THESE LANDOWNERS HAVE FIRST SHOT AND THOSE OF US WHO DON'T OWN LAND ARE ABLE TO GET FEW LEFTOVERS. I OWN 1/3 OF AN ACRE OF PROPERTY, WHY AM I NOT A "LANDOWNER"? ALSO WE PROTECT THE BUCKS, WHY NOT US? MINNESOTA ALLOWS ANYONE OFF THE STREET TO GET A BUCK THE DAY BEFORE THE SEASON AND I HAVE TO APPLY IN AUGUST TO "MAYBE" GET A BUCK? UNREAL. SOUTH DAKOTA COULD LEARN A LOT FROM OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE EAST. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.
- 6593 I THINK A PERSON SHOULD ONLY GET ONE BUCK LICENSE FOR ALL FIREARM SEASONS. IT CAN CHANGE WHEN THE POPULATION INCREASES.
- 6594 I HAVE ONLY LIVED HERE FOR TWO SEASONS/YEARS NOW AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HUNT. VERY DISCOURAGING. I HAVE HUNTED AND SHOT DEER EVERY YEAR I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HUNT BEFORE I MOVED HERE. I HAVE NEVER IMAGINED NOT BEING ABLE TO SIMPLY BUY A LICENSE AND PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL HUNT. I WISH SO MUCH TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT A MULE BUCK. I REALLY HOPE I GET TO NEXT YEAR. THIS IS A VERY HARD TO LEARN/COMPLICATED SYSTEM YOU HAVE HERE. I JUST HOPE SOMEONE CAN HELP ME LEARN THE TRICKS TO DRAWING A BUCK TAG. THANK YOU, SINCERELY,

- 6595 WITH ONLY 17.2% OF APPLICANTS RECEIVING NO TAGS--AND I ASSUME THEY ARE APPLYING IN THOSE COUNTIES THAT ARE VERY LIMITED IN TAG AVAILABILITY--AND ONLY ABOUT 5% GETTING 3+ I THINK YOU HAVE A SOLUTION IN SEARCH OF A PROBLEM FOR A FEW COMPLAINERS. GFP DOES A GOOD JOB OF ALLOCATING, BUT CAN'T CONTROL DISEASE AND WEATHER WHICH HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR 2 YEARS OR MORE. DON'T CHANGE IT FOR THAT. ACCORDING TO YOUR NUMBERS, THE RIFLE HUNTERS GET THE BEST DEAL IN THAT 40.2% OF APPLICANTS HARVEST A BUCK, FOLLOWED BY ARCHERS WITH ONLY 25.36% OF APPLICANTS HARVESTING A BUCK, AND FINALLY THE MUZZY APPLICANTS GET SCREWED AND ONLY 4.8% OF THEM HARVEST A BUCK. I DON'T HAVE A MUZZLELOADER, BUT FEEL THAT THOSE HUNTERS ARE SCREWED THE WORST BY THEIR SEASON DATES. THE RIFLE HUNTERS STILL GET THEIR BUCKS AND THE ARCHERS GET TO TRY AT LEAST AND CAN GET A BUCK IF THEY PUT IN THEIR TIME. DON'T CHANGE IT!! EXCEPT MAYBE FOR THE MUZZ HUNTER SEASON DATES AND ALLOW MORE BUCK TAGS FOR THEM!
- 6598 THE TIME AND MONIES SPENT BY ARCHERY HUNTERS FAR EXCEEDS THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPORT AND SALES REVENUES THAN THAT OF FIREARM LICENSEES. AS BOW HUNTERS WE HEAR THE COMPLAINTS FROM FIREARM APPLICANTS, "ARCHERS HAVE FIRST AND LONGEST ACCESS TO ALL THE TROPHY DEER". WHAT THE FIREARM APPLICANTS DO NOT REALIZE ARE THE 100S OF HOURS ARCHERS SPEND IN THE WOODS, PREPARING FOR THE SEASON, MONITORING DEER ACTIVITY AND SPENDING 8-10 HOURS IN THE TREE STAND DAILY DURING PEAK RUT PERIODS. I'M NOT SURE ARCHERY SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS FIREARM SEASON WHEN SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED. I DO LOOK FORWARD TO ARCHERY SEASON EACH YEAR AND WOULD SAY I AM VERY SATISFIED WITH THE HISTORIC SEASONS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ARCHERY DEER PROGRAM IN SOUTH DAKOTA, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
- 6604 BRING BACK SINGLE AND DOUBLE ANTLERLESS TAGS IN HAMLIN COUNTY! I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANTLERS, DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG YOU COOK THEM; YOU CAN'T EAT THEM.
- 6611 I THINK WE SHOULD PUT A HORN LIMIT FOR BUCK LICENSES LIKE AT LEAST 4 POINTS PER SIDE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
- 6616 [expectation to draw] EVERY 2 YEARS RIFLE, ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER (NO DRAWING REQUIRED). [fairness of current system] ANYONE CAN PROGRAM A COMPUTER. HOW ARE THE NAMES DRAWN WITH A COMPUTER. [general comment] I HUNT FOR FOOD 80%. I HUNT FOR HORNS 20%. I THINK THAT GFP COULD SEND WITH LICENSES A CARD TO BE SENT BACK IF A HUNTER IS INTERESTED IN DEPREDAATION HUNT TO MATCH UP WITH FARMERS WHO NEED HELP.
- 6622 I HAVE A COMMENT ON ELK LICENSES. ANYONE WHO HAS OVER 20 PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE STRONGLY CONSIDERED FOR A LICENSE. I AM AFRAID SOME OF US WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO RECEIVE A LICENSE.

- 6629 ARCHERY HUNTERS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE TO HARVEST A DEER LET ALONE A BUCK COMPARED TO GUN HUNTERS AND THEREFORE ARCHERY HUNTERS SHOULD ALWAYS GET AN ANY DEER TAG. GUN TAGS SHOULD GO TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY FIRST THEN TO SD RESIDENTS THEN TO NONRESIDENTS. LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET A FREE ANY DEER TAG EVERY YEAR AS LONG AS THEY HAVE LAND THAT SUPPORTS HABITAT.
- 6631 THE CURRENT SYSTEM ALLOWS MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS WHICH INCREASES THE ANTICIPATION AND EXCITEMENT FOR THE HUNTER. THE DRAWING SYSTEM IS AN EXCITING PART OF THE HUNT. IN ADDITION, IT'S A RICH TRADITION THAT A LOT OF OUTDOORSMEN ENJOY THE APPLICATION PROCESS KNOWING THAT IT'S NOT A GIVEN THAT YOU GET A LICENSE. THE CAMARADERIE, FRIEND AND FAMILY GATHERINGS, RESULTING FROM HAVING MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY THESE TRADITIONAL HUNTS ACROSS THE STATE ARE A PART OF OUR HERITAGE IN THIS STATE THAT SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED. WE'RE ALREADY LIMITING POTENTIAL TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS WITH THE LOSS OF HABITAT AND PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO HUNT. LET'S NOT DESTROY ANOTHER TRADITION THAT MAKES THIS STATE THE ENJOYABLE PLACE TO LIVE THAT WE LOVE. EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE AT THE DRAW, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
- 6632 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND ARCHERY
- 6644 YOU GUYS ARE GETTING GREEDY WITH YOUR FEES AND PREFERENCE POINT MONEY. YOU ARE ONLY GOING TO HAVE THE RICH BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT! I HAVE A FAMILY OF 6 AND 3 OF US WOULD LIKE TO HUNT. THE LICENSE FEES GET WAY TOO EXPENSIVE. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE DO IT TO THE OUT OF STATERS NOT YOUR TAX PAYERS!
- 6647 STOP GIVING DOUBLE TAGS UNTIL EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE FOR ONE TAG. THIS YEAR I GOT DOUBLE ANTLERLESS, I WOULD RATHER HAVE SINGLE AND GIVE SOMEONE ELSE A CHANCE FOR A TAG.
- 6652 LIMITING MORE OF THE OUT OF STATE TAGS. STRICTER RULES ON PAID BUCK CAMPS. KILLING MORE MOUNTAIN LIONS.
- 6658 I THINK THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS A FAIR ONE. I ALSO THINK THAT YOU SHOULD NOT HOLD IT AGAINST A PERSON TO DRAW A RIFLE TAG IF THEY ARE A BOW HUNTER. SOME HUNTERS SPEND MORE TIME AND MONEY IN THE FIELD THAN OTHERS - DON'T PENALIZE THE DIE HARD HUNTERS THAT SPEND 100'S OF DOLLARS ON TAGS EACH YEAR. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THAN I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE TO SHOW MORE PROOF OF LANDOWNERSHIP AS I KNOW THIS SITUATION IS OFTEN ABUSED BY THOSE THAT DO NOT OWN OR OPERATE 160 ACRES BUT APPLY JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY IN THEIR FAMILY DOES. THEY NO LONGER LIVE IN THAT HOUSEHOLD ANYMORE. THIS UNFAIRLY USES UP TAGS FOR NON-LANDOWNERS.
- 6659 I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT AFTER RECEIVING 2 OR 3 PREFERENCE POINTS, POSSIBLY MORE IN HIGHER DEMAND AREAS, THE ODDS OF DRAWING SHOULD GO UP EXPONENTIALLY TO THE POINT OF ALMOST GUARANTEED-ESPECIALLY

IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF DRAWING WITH 1 OR 2 POINTS. I ALSO STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH LANDOWNER PREFERENCE - ALBEIT, I AM BIASED. WE ALL PAY TAXES AND LICENSE FEES - THE ONLY ARGUMENT I'VE HEARD IS THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO IT AS THEY FEED THE DEER THROUGH CROPS AND HABITAT - THIS IS A COST OF DOING BUSINESS (I SEE VERY FEW FARMERS THAT LEAVE "IDLE" ACRES THESE DAYS, UNLESS BEING REIMBURSED FOR IT THROUGH A GOV'T. PROGRAM). THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS I WOULD SUPPORT FOR LANDOWNER TAGS: 1. THE TAG WOULD ONLY BE GOOD ON THEIR PROPERTY WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. OR 2. THE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE FOR 160 ACRES OR UNTILLED LAND (IDLE ACRES). 3. THE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE FOR 160 ACRES ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC ACCESS HUNTING PROGRAM LIKE WIA.

- 6665 [landowner preference] I RATE THIS TOO HIGH BECAUSE A LANDOWNER CAN ALWAYS GET A LANDOWNER BUCK TAG.
- 6678 PERSONALLY I DON'T THINK THE ISSUE OF GETTING A BUCK TAG IS AS BIG AN ISSUE AS IT IS BEING MADE OUT TO BE. IT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PREFERENCE POINTS GETTING DRAWN FIRST - THIS IS HOW THE ELK DRAWING SHOULD BE BASED TOO AS IT IS MUCH MORE FAIR. I DON'T RECEIVE A RIFLE BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR AND THAT IS FINE. BUT TO INCLUDE ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER BUCK TAGS WITH RIFLE BUCK TAGS IS JUST NOT IN MY OPINION THE CORRECT WAY TO GO. NOR IS LIMITING A HUNTER TO ONE BUCK TAG. IT IS THE CHANCE OF THE DRAW AND APPLICANTS WITH MORE PREFERENCE POINTS SHOULD BE DRAWN FIRST. THE CURRENT PROCESS OF HOW ELK TAGS ARE ALLOCATED SHOULD BE LOOKED AT TOO.....THE CURRENT PROCESS IS NOT THE FAIREST WAY OF DOING IT.
- 6679 I FIND IT COMPLETELY UNFAIR THAT LANDOWNERS GET 50% OF AVAILABLE LICENSES. IF THEY ALLOWED HUNTERS ON THEIR LAND WITHOUT CHARGING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. THAN I WOULDN'T HAVE SUCH AN ISSUE. NOT ONLY DO THEY MAKE THEIR LIVING FROM THERE LAND BUT THEY GET A SECOND INCOME FROM CHARGING HUNTERS TO BE ABLE TO HUNT THERE. WHILE THE AVERAGE JOE WHO WORKS A 9-5 JOB IS STUCK WITH LESS AND LESS LAND TO HUNT BECAUSE THE RICH FARMERS CONTINUE TO PULL THEIR LAND OUT OF CRP OR WALK IN AREAS. I FEEL IF THEY HAVE LAND IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE THAN THEY SHOULD GET A PORTION OF LICENSE SET ASIDE FOR THEM.
- 6682 I SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF PREFERENCE POINTS. DO AWAY WITH "ANY" DEER LICENSE FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. "BUCK OR ANTLERED DEER" DOE OR ANTLERLESS DEER" FAR TOO MANY LANDOWNER LICENSES. WE HAVE FEWER FARMERS EVERY YEAR AND YET THEY STILL GET 50% OF THE ANY DEER TAGS. GFP MUST BUY MORE LAND FOR PUBLIC USE.
- 6687 GO BACK TO BUYING THE BLACK HILLS TAGS OPEN TO ANY RESIDENT AND GET THEM ACROSS THE COUNTER. WE NEVER HAD THIS KIND OF PROBLEM UNTIL THE STATE GOT GREEDY AND WANTED TO PUT IT ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM TO SELL MORE TAGS. WHY DO YOU HAVE WHITETAIL TAGS AND THEN LST MULE DEER AS AN ANY DEER TAG IN THE BLACK HILLS? WHY DO YOU SEPARATE THEM LIKE THAT IN THE BH? PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER IN THE BH

AND ISSUE MORE TAGS FOR EITHER BUCKS OR DOES. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PURCHASE A PREFERENCE POINT? JUST BECAUSE SOME OTHER STATES DO IT, DOESN'T MEAN SD HAS TO DO IT. CHARGE THE NON-RESIDENT THAT DOESN'T PAY TAXES IN THE STATE. WE ALREADY PAY A HIGHER FEE FOR TAGS AS A RESIDENT THEN MOST OF THE WESTERN STATES.

6694 I THINK THAT LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR TAGS JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DOES. THAT WAY MORE PEOPLE CAN GET BUCK TAGS. HOW MANY HUNTERS TROPHY HUNT NOT FOR THE MEAT? TOO MANY. THANK YOU.

6697 DO NOT CHARGE FOR PREFERENCE POINTS THEN ONLY WELL OFF WILL BE HUNTING THAT'S NOT FAIR

6698 LIVED IN ORE. WHERE THEY HAVE SHORT SEASONS AND ONLY A FEW HUNTERS GET A BUCK LICENSE....I THINK LOTS OF DEER ARE BEING TAKEN BY PREDATORS IN THE HILLS, MOUNTAIN LIONS, AND COYOTES MOVING THE DEER TO LOWER ELEVATIONS. YES DISEASE TAKES ITS TOLL AND HARD YEARS LIKE WEATHER CAN SHUFFLE THE HERD, BUT WAY TO MANY FAWNS AND DEER FALL PREY TO PREDATORS AND UNLESS YOU HAVE AN OPEN SEASON ON CATS TO BRING THEM INTO LINE, YOUR JUST PLAYING A GAME, AND YOUR HERD WILL BE A LONG TIME IN COMING BACK. SORRY GUYS YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, WAY MORE CATS AND PREDATORS IN THE HILLS THEN WHAT YOU REPORT, ELK ARE THINNING OUT TOO. I HUNT COYOTES IN THE HILLS AND KNOW WHAT THEY DO, AND IN THE WINTER THEIR ISN'T A DEER OR ELK TRACK IN THE HILLS THAT DON'T HAVE CAT TRACKS FOLLOWING IT.

6701 I THINK THAT THE AMOUNT OF DEER LICENSES ALLOCATED TO LANDOWNER PREFERENCE SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED UP FRONT. THEN LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EARN "BONUS" PREFERENCE DEER LICENSES BASED ON SPECIFIC CONSERVATION PRACTICES THAT IMPROVE HABITAT AND/OR THE AMOUNT OF ACRES AND/OR DAYS THEY OPEN THEIR PROPERTY TO PUBLIC HUNTING. I ALSO DON'T THINK ANYONE SHOULD GET MULTIPLE LICENSES IN AN AREA UNTIL EVERYONE WHO APPLIED FOR THAT AREA HAS RECEIVED A LICENSE.

6723 LOOKING AT YOUR STATISTICS ONLY 25% OF LICENSEES SHOOT BUCKS, THAT'S BETTER THAN SHOOTING DOES, WHICH MIGHT HAPPEN IF YOU TAKE AWAY ANY DEER TAGS, AND GIVE OUT DOE ONLY

6724 [expectation to draw] EVERY YEAR AND AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS

6729 THE CURRENT DRAW ALLOWS THE SAME WEIGHT FOR 1 PREFERENCE POINT VERSUS 5. KEEP THE SYSTEM THE SAME. CUT DOWN ON LAND OWNER TAGS. HAVE MORE THAN 1 DRAW.... BASED ON YEARS OF PREFERENCE. FIRST HAVE A LANDOWNER DRAW THEN BY PREFERENCE MOST POINTS DOWN TO NO POINTS ON FIRST CHOICE. I.E. IN WEST RIVER YOU HAVE ANY DEER AND ANY WHITETAIL. SO IF YOU APPLY FOR ANY WHITETAIL YOU GET A BUCK TAG EVERY YEAR. I USED TO APPLY FOR ANY DEER BUT HADN'T GOT AN ANY TAG WITH 3 POINTS SO I APPLIED FOR A WHITETAIL THIS YEAR BECAUSE THERE WERE SO FEW TAGS AND LANDOWNERS WOULD HAVE TAKEN TOO MANY OF THE MULEY TAGS I JUST WANTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BUCK. THERE

GO MY POINTS BUT AT LEAST I GET A BUCK TAG WHEN THERE WILL BE MINIMAL PRESSURE. I WOULD HAVE LIKED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOOT A MULEY, BUT IT TAKES TOO MANY YEARS EVEN WITH PREFERENCE I JUST AS WELL APPLY FOR WHITETAIL AS A FIRST CHOICE BECAUSE GUARANTEED DRAW IN WEST RIVER BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE APPLIES FOR THE ANY DEER AS A FIRST CHOICE. I THINK IF YOU HAVE DRAWING BY PREFERENCE IT WOULD BE FAIRER. SOMEONE WHO MISSES OUT ON A TAG 3 YEARS IN A ROW WHILE PEOPLE WITH 1 POINT GET A TAG KINDA FEEL RIPPED OFF.

- 6730 [archery firearm restriction] THIS IS TWO QUESTIONS IN ONE. OPPOSE & SUPPORT
- 6731 WITHOUT THE FARMERS OUR HUNTING WOULD BE VERY LIMITED. THEY FEED AND PROVIDE FOR ALL OUR WILDLIFE. WE SHOULD TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OVER OTHERS WHENEVER REASONABLE.
- 6753 YOU NEED TO COUNT THE DEER BETTER, THERE ARE TONS OF DEER IN BON HOMME AND YOU DROPPED THE LICENSE TO ALMOST NOTHING. IN 5 DAYS MY HUSBAND HAD 75 PICTURES OF DEER AND 10 DIFFERENT BUCKS ON ONE TRAIL CAMERA AND ON PUBLIC GROUND. PLEASE COUNT THE DEER BEFORE MAKING IT HARDER TO GET VENISON FOR MY FREEZER.
- 6759 IT'S THE GFP'S POOR MANAGEMENT THAT HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DECLINE IN DEER AND ELK HERDS. THE MT LION AND WEATHER HAVE ONLY BEEN SYNERGISTIC IN THE DECLINE OF THESE POPULATIONS. THE CONSTANT KILLING OF THE FEMALES HAS DECIMATED THE POPULATION. THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP OF THE GFP IN PIERRE SHOULD BE FIRED INCLUDING [name removed] WHO GAVE THE INITIAL ORDERS TO START THE WHOLESALE KILLING OF THESE POPULATIONS. THIS WAS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY BASED DECISION ONLY A POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT ONE.
- 6762 I FEEL LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSES ARE BEING ABUSED. THERE APPEARS TO BE PEOPLE WHO REALLY AREN'T LANDOWNERS APPLYING FOR LICENSES AND GETTING THEM. LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE GRANTED DOE TAGS BUT GO THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS AS EVERYONE ELSE IN OBTAINING A BUCK TAG.
- 6775 THE 2014 DEER APP PROCESS IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN INCREASE IN APPLICATION FEE. GIVE DEER HUNTERS 1 FIRST CHOICE/1 LICENSE TO BE DRAWN FROM ANY SD DEER SEASON AND ANY LEFTOVER TAGS A HUNTER MAY APPLY FOR 1 ADDITIONAL DRAWING & RECEIVE 1 ADDITIONAL DEER TAG.
- 6776 [landowner preference] MOST DO NOT HUNT THEIR OWN ACRES.
- 6782 SOUTH DAKOTA NEEDS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM LIKE NEBRASKA HAS WHERE YOU HAVE A QUOTA FOR EACH COUNTY YOU CAN PRINT LICENSES RIGHT OFF THE INTERNET ALSO THEY DO NOT DRAW FOR LICENSES EXCEPT SPECIAL BUCK THEY HAVE A QUOTA FOR THE COUNTY AND YOU CAN BUY LICENSES UNTIL THE QUOTA IS MET. THEIR SYSTEM WORKS WELL AND MOST EVERYONE GETS MULTIPLE TAGS.

- 6784 DO NOT USE LANDOWNER PREFERENCES THEY ARE BEING ABUSED TERRIBLE, SPINK COUNTY ALONE I KNOW IT'S A JOKE ON HOW MANY ABUSE THIS, PLEASE NO BUCK PREFERENCES OF LANDOWNER IF THEY WANT DEER MEAT GIVE DOE APPS ONLY
- 6786 HUNTERS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUY PREFERENCE POINTS
- 6790 I BELIEVE PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LICENSES ARE ISSUED. I HAVE LIVED IN CLARK COUNTY MY WHOLE LIFE AS HAVE MY GRAND PARENTS AND PARENTS ON BOTH MY SIDE AND MY WIFE'S. IT IS FRUSTRATING WHEN LIKE THIS YEAR, NEITHER MY SON NOR I GET A LICENSE YET HUNTERS FROM OTHER COUNTIES QUITE A WAYS AWAY ARE GETTING THOSE LICENSES. WE HAVE ACCESS TO HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF FAMILY LAND AND CANNOT HUNT - A FAMILY TRADITION RUINED!
- 6793 WE JUST NEED TO GET OUR "HERD" BACK AGAIN
- 6796 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE DRAW DATES EARLIER SO A PERSON CAN MAKE PLANS AND CHANGE THEIR DIRECTION IF THEY DO NOT DRAW.
- 6804 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST, REFUGE AND CUSTER STATE PARK
- 6814 I THINK PREFERENCE POINTS ARE NOT FAIR. I HAVE A SON WHO APPLIED FROM 12-17 YEARS IN AGE AND FINALLY GOT A LICENSE AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS. I KNOW PEOPLE THAT HAD NO PREFERENCE POINTS AND GOT A TAG WHEN MY SON WENT WITHOUT.
- 6815 I BELIEVE THE LANDOWNER TAGS SHOULD BE VALID FOR LAND OWNED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER ONLY. I THINK THE 50% OF TAGS SET ASIDE FOR LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE STOPPED. MANY PEOPLE ABUSE THIS AND APPLY WHEN THEY DON'T OWN OR OPERATE ANY LAND. SOME IN MY AREA APPLY USING LAND OWNED BY OTHERS AND I DON'T THINK THAT IS FAIR. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE LICENSE DRAWING SYSTEM SHOULD STAY THE SAME AND THAT IT IS A VERY FAIR METHOD
- 6818 RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE A HIGHER OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT THAN NON-RESIDENTS. HUNTING HAS BECOMING TOO COMMERCIALIZED.
- 6820 [most preferred deer hunt] EAST RIVER AND BLACK HILLS
- 6829 SHOULD HAVE CUT DOWN ON LICENSES 2 - 3 YEARS AGO WHEN NUMBERS WERE LOW. NUMBERS ARE UP NOW. PEOPLE DON'T HAVE LICENSES. AS USUAL, GFP IS LATE TO ACT. AND OF COURSE ON AN UNRELATED ISSUE, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO INCREASE OUT OF STATE (NON-RESIDENT) FISHING LICENSE PRICE? TOO MANY IOWA, MN, AND WISC PLATES. NO WALLEYES LEFT ON WAUBAY AND BITTER OVER 15-16 INCHES. DECREASE PAN FISH LIMITED FROM 15 TO 10 AGAIN.
- 6830 I DO FEEL AS THOUGH IF A PERSON GETS THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE, THEY SHOULD BE HUNTING THEIR OWN LAND. I HUNT PUBLIC GROUND, AND IT IS ALWAYS OVER POPULATED WITH LANDOWNERS FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND,

AND THEN THEY HUNT THEIR LAND DURING THE REST OF THE SEASON IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR TWO SEASONS, I ALSO LIKE THE THOUGHT OF BEING ABLE TO DRAW ONE BUCK, AND THEN THE OTHER COULD BE A SECOND CHANCE DRAWING AFTER OTHERS GET THEIR BUCK CHANCE.

- 6839 I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A (RIFLE) DEER LICENSE EVER YEAR. MY PLACE IN THE HILLS IS OVERRUN WITH BOTH MULE AND WT. I HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT DEER POPULATION (IN MY AREA) IS DOWN. PENNINGTON/CUSTER CO NEAR HAYWARD. LOWER THE PRICE FOR RESIDENT BUFFALO HUNT AT CSP AND RAISE NON-RESIDENT (THE AVERAGE SD RES SHOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO HUNT BUFFALO OVER A WEALTHY NON RES). DROP IT BACK DOWN TO \$1000 FOR RES. ALLOW A HUNTER TO USE A 22 WMR FOR TURKEY HUNTING. THANKS FOR LOWERING THE PRICE OF A TURKEY TAG (NEVER MADE SENSE THAT IT WAS THE SAME FOR A DEER IE SMALLER ANIMAL = LESS MEAT).
- 6848 I STRONGLY OPPOSE GIVING ONLY ONE ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE PREFERENCE OR ONE RIFLE BUCK LICENSE PREFERENCE. THE ARCHERY HUNTER IS A VERY SELECTIVE HUNTER. I HAVE BEEN ARCHERY HUNTING FOR 35 YEARS AND HAVE NOT HARVESTED A BUCK IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. IF THE ARCHERY HUNTER IS ONLY ALLOWED ONE BUCK TAG, I FEEL THE HARVEST OF SMALL BUCKS WILL DOUBLE DURING THE ARCHERY SEASON, AND WOULD REDUCE THE QUALITY OF DEER HUNTING. SINCE THE RIFLE SEASON HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE PEAK OF THE RUT, AND THE YOUTH RIFLE SEASON OVERLAPS BOTH SEASONS, ARCHERY HUNTERS HAVE VERY LITTLE CHANCE TO HARVEST A RESPECTABLE DEER. I FEEL THAT BY LIMITING THE ARCHERY BUCK LICENSE PREFERENCES, THERE WOULD BE EVEN MORE CONFLICTS BETWEEN ARCHERY HUNTERS AND RIFLE HUNTERS.
- 6852 NEVER ALLOW THE LANDOWNER TAGS TO BE SOLD OR USED BY ANOTHER HUNTER. ARCHERY HUNTERS TYPICALLY DON'T KILL A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF TAGS TO DEAD DEER. ARCHERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO PASS ON SMALLER BUCKS AND LIKELY DON'T SHOOT ANYTHING IF THE TROPHY DOES NOT WALK IN FRONT OF THEM. LEAVE THE ARCHERY SEASONS ALONE.
- 6861 TOO MANY LANDOWNER TAGS. DON'T AGREE WITH LANDOWNING CRITERIA AT ALL. WHY DOES OWNING LAND ALLOW A PERSON MORE ACCESS TO ENJOY HUNTING? ALLOW EVERY RESIDENT THE SAME OPPORTUNITY WITH FIREARM SEASONS. LEAVE ARCHERY THE WAY IT IS FAR TOO CHALLENGING OF A SPORT TO LIMIT TAGS.
- 6865 I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT HUNTER IN SOUTH DAKOTA MY ENTIRE HUNTING LIFE. IT CONTINUES TO GET MORE DIFFICULT TO DRAW TAGS EACH YEAR. I AM COMPLETELY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEER AND ELK POPULATIONS. SO MUCH SO, I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING QUITTING HUNTING ALTOGETHER, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS HOW I CHOOSE TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR MY FAMILY. IT SEEMS GFP IS MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING MONEY THAN MANAGING GAME POPULATIONS.

- 6870 USE A PREFERENCE SYSTEM THAT ISSUES TAGS BY NUMBER OF POINTS A HUNTER HAS MOST POINTS GET TAGS. THIS SHOULD BE USED WITH ELK TAGS AS WELL.
- 6871 OBVIOUSLY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS DEER NUMBERS, ESPECIALLY WHITETAIL, HAVE DECREASED OVER PORTIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA. NOT VERY MANY YEARS AGO RECORD NUMBERS OF DEER LICENSES WERE BEING ISSUED IN SOME UNITS AND THAT MAY SOON BE THE CASE AGAIN!
- 6877 [expectation to draw] DEPENDS ON THE POPULATION.
- 6892 IF AN APPLICANT NAME IS DRAWN AND THEIR 1ST CHOICE IS ALREADY SOLD OUT, THEIR 2ND CHOICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE GIVEN TO THEM, PROVIDING THAT IT IS NOT SOLD OUT ALSO.
- 6916 THE LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL SEASON LICENSE OR A LANDOWNER LICENSE. TOO MANY LANDOWNERS APPLY FOR GENERAL TO TAKE A LICENSE OUT OF THE POOL, THEN GET A LANDOWNER LICENSE IF UNSUCCESSFUL. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE SHOULD APPLY FOR BOTH LICENSES. YOU GUYS DO A GREAT JOB OF MANAGING THE RESOURCE AND ASKING FOR PUBLIC OPINION. HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK AN AVERAGE PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND THESE QUESTIONS AS YOU'RE ASKED THEM.
- 6919 IF IN DOUBT KEEP IT THE SAME WAY. EVERYONE RESPECTS THE WAY SD GFP CONDUCTS THE DRAWINGS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES.
- 6930 I HUNT TO LIVE. I DIDN'T SAY I LIVE TO HUNT. MY FAMILY ONLY EATS THE WILD GAME WE HARVEST. THE REDUCED LICENSE AVAILABILITY IN 2014 SEASONS IS GOING TO REALLY HURT US. IN PAST YEARS, WAY TOO MANY MULTI-DEER PERMITS WERE ISSUED. IN SOME UNITS, THEY WERE THE ONLY PERMITS AVAILABLE. THIS JUST SEEMS WRONG. THIS YEAR, I CANNOT GET A MUZZLELOADER PERMIT FOR TODD CO. THERE ARE NO ANTLERLESS LICENSES AVAILABLE. THAT'S JUST PLAIN STUPID. LEAVE THE ALLOCATION SYSTEM ALONE. YES, I CAN LIVE ON DOES, AND DO TAKE DOES MORE THAN BUCKS; BUT, A BIG BUCK PUTS MORE FOOD ON THE TABLE AND THAT'S WHY WE HUNT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY MEAT! AND BY THE WAY, ROLL BACK THE REGULATIONS ON MUZZLELOADERS TO ALLOW ONLY STRICTLY MORE PRIMITIVES. THAT WOULD CUT BACK ON SOME OF THE OVER LICENSING.
- 6932 I THINK IF YOU LIVE AND PAY TAXES IN A COUNTY YOU SHOULD GET FIRST CHANCE AT A TAG THEN IT SHOULD GO ON PREFERENCE POINTS.
- 6937 I THINK THAT WE SHOULD MOVE TO A REGIONAL DEER DRAWING. BREAK THE STATE UP IN 6 REGIONS AND THE BLACK HILLS. ALLOW PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR ONE REGION, AND THEN ALLOW FOR A SECOND, THIRD, ETC DRAWINGS FOR THE LEFTOVERS. THIS WAY THERE ISN'T PEOPLE GETTING MULTIPLE LICENSES DUE TO THE NEW BUY A PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM. THIS WILL ALLOW EVERYONE TO GET TAGS AND BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE HUNT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HUNTING IS IMPORTANT TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE RESIDENTS SHOULD GET FIRST CHOICE NOT THE NON-RESIDENTS.

LANDOWNERS SHOULD GET TO HUNT THEIR LAND BUT THE TAGS ARE MEANT FOR XXX ACRES AND IF THEY HAVE TO HUNT THAT PIECE OF LAND BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY DON'T. EASTERN STATES ALLOW EVERYONE TO PURCHASE A TAG OVER THE COUNTER GOOD FOR ANYWHERE IN THE STATE; IF THEY WANT DOE LICENSE THEY HAVE SPECIAL DRAWINGS FOR THOSE. THEY HAVE VERY GOOD SUCCESS WITH DEER NUMBERS IN MANY STATES DOING THIS. JUST A THOUGHT I KNOW IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GO TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD GET A TAG TO USE WHEREVER THEY WANT. I DO NOT FEEL THAT WE WOULD OVERLOAD ANY COUNTIES OR REGIONS IF WE MOVED TO THIS SYSTEM. EVERYONE HAS A SPECIAL PLACE TO HUNT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANKS FOR THE SURVEY, LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING A TAG NEXT YEAR.

- 6938 LOWER RATES FOR IN STATE HUNTERS AND RAISE LICENSE FEES TO NON RESIDENTS LIKE MOST STATES.
- 6940 TAKE AWAY NON-RESIDENT BUCK ARCHERY. [current process] EXCEPT SPECIAL BUCK LICENSES ELIMINATE THEM. DROP THE LANDOWNER'S TAG'S TO 25% OR LESS THEY CAN GET A BUCK TAG AWAY WITH HUNT THEIR OWN LAND! CUT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL BUCK TAG'S IN HALF! NON-RESIDENT BOW HUNTER'S SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUY A TAG. IT SHOULD BE ONLY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TAGS ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO START MANAGING OUR WILDLIFE INSTEAD OF FARMER'S AND BUSINESS IN SD. PAY HUNTING EARNED IN THIS STATE TAKE AWAY DEPREDATION PAYMENTS FOR ANY LANDOWNER WHO DOES NOT LET THE PEOPLE HUNT, AND START BUYING LAND FOR (RESIDENTS ONLY TO HUNT). A LOT OF THINGS COULD CHANGE FOR GAME MANAGEMENT, AND HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF THIS STATE IF BIG MONEY WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE PICTURE.
- 6945 [most preferred deer hunt] WEST RIVER AND BLACK HILLS DEER
- 6952 [increase chances to draw] I SUPPORT IT IF THE QUESTION IS ONLY REFERRING TO FIREARM SEASON. I STRONGLY OPPOSE IT IF IT INCLUDES ARCHERY AS A LIMITED DRAW. [alternative allocations] HOW DO YOU BUILD PREFERENCE POINTS FOR ANOTHER SEASON?. 1. ARCHERY MUST REMAIN UNLIMITED. IT IS THE ONLY GUARANTEED HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS. ARCHERY 2013 WAS 28% OF LICENSES BUT ONLY 15% OF BUCK HARVEST, SO IT HAS A LOW IMPACT ON BUCK POPULATION COMPARED TO OTHER. 2. IT IS MORE UNFAIR FOR INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE >1 FIREARM TAG WHILE OTHERS 2. THE DEMAND IS MUCH GREATER FOR FIREARM SEASON THAN ARCHERY. 3. QUESTION 12 WHY NOT GIVE UNLIMITED LANDOWNER TAGS VALID ONLY ON THEIR OWN LAND OR THEY CAN APPLY SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE FOR THE WEST OR EAST RIVER OR BH LICENSE BUT NOT BOTH.
- 6956 APPLYING FOR A LANDOWNER TAG YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON LAND YOU ARE APPLYING TO HUNT FOR. OTHERWISE YOU RUN INTO 3 PEOPLE FROM THE SAME FAMILY APPLYING FOR THE SAME LAND TO HUNT ON. OVERALL, I BELIEVE THAT EACH PERSON SHOULD RECEIVE ONLY ONE TAG A YEAR WHETHER IT IS LANDOWNER OR OTHER IN THE SAME COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE DECREASED POPULATION OF AVAILABLE DEER. ARCHERY TAGS SHOULD BE LIMITED JUST AS ALL OTHER TAGS ARE AND PEOPLE SHOULD

HAVE TO DRAW FOR THEM AND NOT AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER. IT WOULDN'T HURT IN THE LONG RUN TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TAGS GIVEN OUT TO AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE IT HELPS WITH BUILDING THE POPULATION OF DEER BACK UP TO WHERE IT USED TO BE. ONCE NUMBERS INCREASE YOU COULD CHANGE SOME RESTRICTIONS AND GIVE OUT MORE TAGS.

- 6959 LEAVE ARCHERY LICENSES AS THEY ARE AND JUST PUT ALL FIREARMS TOGETHER IN ONE DRAWING ALLOWING FOR NO MORE THAN 1 BUCK (ANY DEER) PER PERSON IN THE FIREARMS SECTION.
- 6960 ANY LANDOWNER WHO RECEIVED AID FROM THE STATE FOR FENCING & DEPREDAATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CLOSE THEIR LAND TO PUBLIC HUNTING. IF SOMEONE ASKS THEY SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS. THERE IS A CAMPAIGN TO GET YOUTH INVOLVED IN HUNTING AND FISHING. IF THERE IS A CONCERN FOR THE YOUTH NOT DOING EITHER OR BOTH, IT WILL HAPPEN EVEN IN LARGER NUMBERS IF THE LICENSE FEES KEEP CLIMBING AND THE LACK OF TAGS AVAILABLE. EVEN IF THEY WOULD WANT TO HUNT, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD A TAG IF THEY EVEN GET ONE ONCE THEY OUTGROW THE YOUTH SEASON AND THE MENTOR SEASON. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.
- 6961 FIRST LETS NOT HAVE A DOE SEASON UNTIL THE HERD BUILDS UP. SECOND, GET RID OF ALL THE CATS THAT ARE KILLING A PART OF THE HERD! I STARTED IN 1967! ON A STAND THERE YEAR, HE SAW 87 DEER GO BY HIS STAND IN ONE DAY. IN 1968 HE SAW A LION AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ONE WAS KNOWN TO BE AROUND 3 YEARS AGO, TWO DAYS AFTER A SNOW, I WALKED THE LENGTH OF THE CLIFF, ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF, AND DIDN'T SEE A SINGLE TRACK. THAT SAME DAY WHILE DRIVING IN AND OUT WE SAW THREE SETS OF LION TRACKS, 2 SINGLE AND ONE DOUBLE ONE LARGE, ONE SMALLER. WHY WHEN YOU CAN'T PUT OUT ENOUGH LICENSES TO HUNTERS, DO YOU NOT GET RID OF THE PREDATORS?
- 6970 I DON'T AGREE WITH BUYING PREFERENCE POINTS. THEY SHOULD COME IF YOU DON'T DRAW A TAG ON FIRST DRAW LIKE IT USED TO BE! NOT PAY \$5 FOR ONE. RAISE THE FEE FOR DEER TAG'S TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IF GFP NEEDS THE EXTRA MONEY.
- 6977 I THINK THE NUMBER OF BUCK TAGS SHOULD DROP FOR A YEAR OR TWO AND TURN INTO DOE TAGS. SOME HUNTERS ARE JUST OUT FOR HORNS NOT MEAT. WITH THE HARD HIT ON BUCKS THE PAST FEW YEARS WE SHOULD LET THEM REPOPULATE TO A BETTER NUMBER. DOES ARE PLENTIFUL. IF NEED BE LOWER THE NUMBER OF BOTH TAGS GIVEN OUT. THE PEOPLE THAT KEEP APPLYING FOR DOE TAGS ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WANT THE MEAT TO USE FOR THEIR FAMILY OR THEMSELVES. IF YOU LET THE BUCK NUMBERS COME BACK THERE WILL STILL BE PLENTY OF DOES AROUND TO MATE WITH. AND MIGHT DISCOURAGE THOSE JUST AFTER HORNS TO STEP ASIDE FOR THE ONES THAT DON'T CARE IF IT HAS HORNS OR NOT THEY JUST WANT FOOD (YOU CAN'T EAT HORNS). AFTER THE NUMBER OF BUCKS COME BACK THEN GIVE OUT MORE TAGS - THE HORN HUNTERS WILL STILL BE WAITING FOR THEM. I HUNT FOR FOOD AND THE LOVE OF BEING OUTDOORS, SO MANY HAVE FORGOT HOW GREAT IT IS TO JUST BE OUT IN THE OUTDOORS BECAUSE

THERE JUST OUT TO GET A BETTER BUCK THAN EVERYBODY ELSE. I HAVE GONE SEASONS WITHOUT SHOOTING A DEER BUT I STILL ENJOYED BEING OUTDOORS. WE CAN'T FORGET THE REASONS WHY WE ARE OUT HUNTING. IT'S A PASSION FOR HUNTING AND OUTDOOR LIFE AND THE PASSION FOR LIVING OFF WHAT NATURE PROVIDED US WITH.

- 6983 GFP NEEDS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO DEER POPULATION IN CONCENTRATED AREAS. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT NORTH FOSTER STREET, IN MITCHELL, SD, FROM THE CITY LIMITS TO THE AIRPORT ROAD, ALONG WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY RD, HAVE MORE AUTOMOBILE ROAD KILLS THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY ROADS IN DAVISON COUNTY. EVEN THE DISEASE OUTBREAK THAT KILLED SO MANY WHITETAILS APPROX. 2 YEAR AGO, DID NOT SEEM TO AFFECT THE POPULATION IN THIS AREA AT ALL.
- 6997 I THINK LANDOWNERS ABUSE THE LANDOWNER PREFERENCE LICENSES, THEY GET THEM AND THEN SELL THEM TO OUT OF STATERS. I KNOW THIS FOR A FACT, I WOULD HAVE TURNED THEM IN BUT DIDN'T WANT ANY BACKLASH ON ME. I KNOW THIS OUTFITTER DOES THIS WITH MULTIPLE LANDOWNERS EAST AND WEST RIVER. I ALSO KNOW THAT IF A BOW HUNTER DOESN'T GET THEIR DEER BY THE TIME THEY SEE FIT THEY JUST GO OUT AND SHOOT ONE. I HAVE ONLY HEARD OF THIS AND NOT EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY. I THINK LIMITING THE BOW DRAW MIGHT HELP LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF ALL THE UNETHICAL BOW HUNTERS OUT THERE IN ONE SEASON JUST GOING OUT AND SHOOTING ONE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WEST RIVER FIREARM SEASON EXTENDED AT LEAST TO 3 WEEKS. YOU GUYS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. I PERSONALLY AM PLEASED WITH THE WORK OUR GFP IS DOING!